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More than just numbers...



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More than 21,000 panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt were displayed on the grounds of the Washington Monument this weekend. The panels, which represent only 13 percent of all U.S. AIDS deaths, were shown in their entirety for the first time since 1989.

GW solidifies task force efforts to counsel sexual assault victims

by Elissa Leibowitz

Asst. News Editor

Several members of the GW community will be trained within the next 60 days to be a part of the University's newly-formed Sexual Assault Crisis Consultation Team.

The team, chaired by University Police Senior Associate Director Dolores A. Stafford and Associate Dean of Students Barbara Framer, will help victims of sexual assault deal with its physical and psychological impacts. Stafford introduced the program at Tuesday's Student Association Senate meeting.

When a sexual assault is reported, one or more of the administration representatives from the seven-member team will provide support and information to the victim, Stafford said.

She noted the team members are not counselors, but act as advocates to victims. "The team members will help deal with the ins and outs from filing a police report, civil suit information and obtaining medical attention and counseling," Stafford said. "(The team will offer) a spectrum of choices students have to put together ... to make educated decisions."

The team is related to the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee, a task force designed by Dean of Students Linda Donnels to "review and enhance" policies, procedures and programs on campus.

Framer said the task force, however, is not something new to the University. "In previous years we have had a protocol in dealing with sexual assaults. Now that we have a new team over at UPD we

wanted to look at how ... to best continue our program efforts," Framer said. "We feel that every year we can examine what we're doing and feel we can do even better things."

Both programs comply with the Student Right to Know Act of 1990 and the college and university-oriented Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights, according to Stafford. The Higher Education Act of 1992 requires certain procedures for reporting sexual assaults, "many of which the University has already been doing," Framer said.

The program is similar to one Stafford designed at Butler University in Indiana where she and UPD Director Timothy Murrell previously worked. The training for the team will follow a

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UPD officers to vote on union

Issue to unionize comes amid controversy from GW, lawyers

by Elissa Leibowitz

Asst. News Editor

University Police Department staff members will vote Friday on whether they will form a union.

The vote, however, is not without controversy, as University administrators and lawyers debate the need for a union.

The union idea originated earlier this year, UPD Director Timothy Murrell said. Robert Chernak, vice president for academic and support services, said the basic issue came down to wages and benefits. "(Some UPD representatives) would like to get paid more and might feel having collective bargaining by a third-party will prompt the vote," Chernak explained. He said he recognizes some officers may believe the inherent risks of their job and the 24-hour need for patrols "make them feel underpaid."

UPD lawyer John F. Kennedy said, however, the issues go beyond benefits and wages. "There is a general feeling (the

officers) aren't treated with any kind of respect," he said.

Leaders of the union movement solicited signatures for authorization cards as required by the National Labor Relations Board. UPD gained about 50 percent of possible signatures to begin voting procedures, 20 percent more than is required by the NLRB, Kennedy said. NLRB acts as an objective third-party liaison between the officers and GW.

Murrell said he is against unionizing. "I don't think it is necessary. I think the University is a good and fair employer. The benefits are good," Murrell said, adding that he has seen unionized police departments at other universities "that would be much better off with non-union departments."

Chernak sent a letter dated Oct. 9 to UPD staff members discouraging them from voting in favor of the union.

"I am writing to you to tell you that you don't need a

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Police arrest suspect for recent murders

Man charged with killing of psych. professor

by Jennifer Batog

Asst. News Editor

Police have arrested a man in connection with the February slaying of GW psychology professor Shahin Hashtroudi after a two-state chase and shootout that ended in West Virginia last Friday.

The Montgomery County Police Department has filed a detainer with West Virginian authorities for Allan Patterson Newman, charging him with first degree murder and robbery with a deadly weapon in Hashtroudi's death, Information Officer Ann Evans said.

However, Evans said the detainer does not formally charge Newman with the crime. It says if Newman is released by West Virginian authorities, he must be handed over to Montgomery County to face charges. The arrest warrant also charges Newman with two armed bank robberies.

Newman was arrested at approximately 11:20 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9 in Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Harper's Ferry Police Chief Charles Wyndham said.

The arrest stemmed from an early morning incident in the Woodlawn area of Baltimore County, Md., Jay Miller, Baltimore County Police public information director, said.

Miller said 15-year-old Linda M. Patterson was assaulted by a man with a gun wearing a ski mask and demanding her family's 1983 Honda Civic.

Thomas Fenwick, an off-duty Baltimore City Housing Authority police officer and Patterson's neighbor, witnessed the incident, Miller said. The suspect fired a gunshot at Fenwick and the men exchanged three shots each before the suspect, later identified by police as Newman, drove off in Patterson's car. Miller said no one was injured in the exchange.

Newman was spotted later in the morning in Brunswick, Md. with the ski mask and stolen car, Miller said. He was chased into Harper's Ferry, W. Va. — approximately nine miles from Brunswick — by Brunswick Patrolman Gary Cline, Wyndham said.

Wyndham said he received a call for assistance at about 10:20 a.m. He and Cline cornered Newman on a dead-end street, Wyndham said. Newman and the police officers exchanged several shots for about five minutes, Wyndham said.

After the shots were fired, 20 police officers from seven different area police departments arrived at the scene, he said. A short time later, Newman put his .357 Magnum to his head and fired the gun, which misfired. After about 45 minutes, Newman surrendered to police, Wyndham said.

Ballistics tests conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol's Tobacco and Firearms lab showed Newman's gun was the same gun used to kill Hashtroudi, Evans said. "The tie to him is the ballistics," she said. "(We) are positive that the bullet (that killed Hashtroudi) came from the same gun," she said. The ballistics tests also link Newman to three other murders in Montgomery County, she said.

"We think we have enough evidence (against Newman)," George Ludington, head of the Montgomery County Police Crime Solvers program, said. "It's what we've wanted. It's a closure. We're continuing the investigation ... getting more evidence," he said.

West Virginia authorities have charged Newman with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of transfer of stolen property and one count of brandishing a weapon, Wyndham said.

Newman was arraigned in West Virginia on these charges Friday, he said, adding that Newman was arraigned on a Montgomery County fugitive warrant in West Virginia Monday. Newman is currently being held without bail, Wyndham said.

A preliminary hearing and an extradition hearing have been scheduled for Oct. 19, Wyndham said. He also said the West Virginia authorities will allow Newman to be extradited to Maryland to face the murder charges.

Although the Baltimore County Police Department has no arrest warrants for Newman, they are charging him with armed robbery, auto theft and attempted murder in the Woodlawn incident, Miller said.

In addition to these charges, Newman is also being investigated by the FBI in connection to two northern Virginia bank robberies, Special Agent Frank Scafidi said. Scafidi said the FBI has filed no charges yet. "We have charges pending ... he's a suspect, we're not at the point where we can name him yet," Scafidi said.

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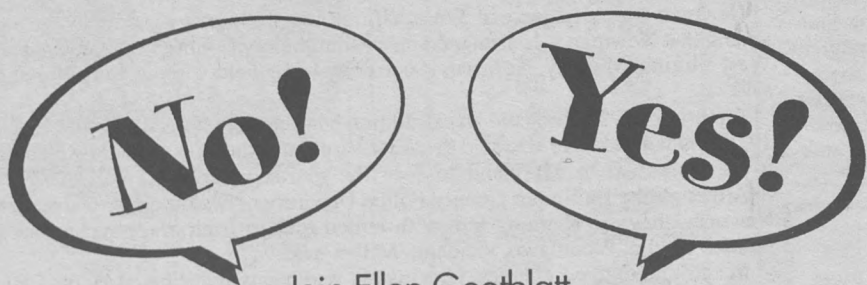
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SA Senate examines GW security policy

by Sari Marvel
Senior Staff Writer

University Police Director Timothy Murrell spoke to the Student Association Senate Tuesday night about campus security and discussed changes planned for GW as a result of a summer survey and incidents occurring this year.

New lighting for the University Yard and National Law Center, the possibility of lighting for the Foggy Bottom Metro parking lot and smaller University patrol cars with reflective paint are some changes underway.

According to Murrell, the emergency phones on campus are checked twice a week. However, he said the current system is old and new phones will arrive in late spring. Murrell said UPD will soon place emergency stickers on the telephones and a hotline will be installed to allow people to call in with problems, suggestions or any helpful information.

"Students tend to think they are invulnerable on campus. We need to realize where we are and that a lot of things happen out there," Murrell said. He advised students to read crime alerts and public safety advisories along with stressing safety in numbers.

In other Senate business, an amendment was added to the Security Precautions Resolution, introduced at the last Senate meeting by Bill Aronson, Finance Committee member and School of Business and Public Management senator. He said he felt the current resolution was vague and more concrete ideas need to be added.

His amendment, approved by the Senate, details areas on campus that

need further lighting, calls for campus phones on each floor of Fungler Hall and the Academic Center, red security "panic" buttons on each floor of Fungler Hall and lower emergency phones to accommodate the disabled.

The Student Life Committee received unanimous consent on the Assembly Series Implementation Resolution of 1992 which calls for an eight-member Assembly Series Task Force to explore the possibilities of arranging a series of prominent speakers for GW and a source of financing for this project.

The Constitutional Semantics Resolution brought up by the Rules Committee passed by a Senate vote of eight to six. This resolution calls for the SA Constitution to be changed to comply with the University's written policy regarding the newly-formed Columbian College Graduate School, of Arts and Sciences, which lists the two schools as one. "This is not a change in representation but rather a wording change. CCGSAS is now one unit instead of two," Rules Committee Chairman Raffi Terzian said.

The Committee also recommended a vote to convert Senate seats still open to at-large seats. Terzian said these seats have been vacant since elections last March and rather than continue with unoccupied seats, this will be a way to have a complete Senate.

The open Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences seat will be converted to an at-large Senate seat. The motion to convert the seat was passed by a vote of nine to four. This is a change for this Senate session only, Terzian said.

JOE PESCI. BARBARA HERSHEY.

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EDITORIALS

Still waiting . . .

The much-anticipated, much-delayed presidential and vice-presidential debates began last week and, frankly, we are not sure what we were so anxious for. After two nights of watching the candidates trade campaign slogans or, at times, insults, we are still waiting for some useful, substantive information to be produced from the forums. The two debates left are the last chance. It is the candidates' responsibility to finally give the American people information, not entertainment.

The candidates must take the blame themselves for the lack of content in the debate. The media have turned around their previous fascination with fringe issues and attempted to direct the discussion toward solid, platform issues. The networks have also done a commendable job of seeking out the opinion of the general public after the debates rather than turning over the stage to their own political pundits. Unfortunately, the general public has had little, if anything new, to react to.

The first presidential debate resembled an info-commercial more than an exchange of different plans for the future of the country. President Bush's primary agenda for the evening seemed to be to say the words "tax and spend" as many times as possible. Bill Clinton was equally as dedicated to his own word counts of "change" and "trickle-down economics." Ross Perot must have prepared for the debate with a stand-up comedian and an applause-o-meter. All told, the three said little that could not be found in their respective campaign commercials.

The vice presidential debate also was not productive. Vice President Quayle and Sen. Al Gore (D-Tenn.) seized the opportunity not to explain why they are qualified to lead the country, but to point fingers, interrupt and accuse. James Stockdale, Perot's runningmate, was trapped in the middle of the two and often looked as if he might wander off the stage. Quayle and Gore rarely debated the topic they were given and continually bickered. The fact that there will not be a repeat of the debacle is the only positive thing.

All of this must end. Enough is enough. Tonight, Bush, Clinton and Perot will face the questions of undecided voters from the audience while a single moderator referees the action. There can be no charges of media bias or inattention to the real issues which concern voters. The voters are asking the questions and they are concerned. The candidates owe it to them and the rest of us to debate the questions at hand in a manner which provides the public with tangible plans for action not sound bites and one-liners.

Safe rape?

Is a woman threatened with rape at knife-point consenting to sex if she asks her attacker to put a condom on? This question was posed Tuesday to an Austin, Texas grand jury deliberating whether to indict a man accused of rape in that very situation. The jury decided against the indictment without specifying why. While we can only wonder what was going through the jurors' minds, one thing is certain: A man who holds a woman he does not know at knife-point and insists on having sex with her is a rapist, whether he wears a condom or not.

The accused man in the case admitted to police that he broke into an apartment and had sex with a woman he did not know. He claimed, however, that when the woman asked him to wear a condom, she consented to sex. A tenuous case at best could be made of this situation if it stopped here. But there is more. The woman claims the man raped her for 45 minutes — after he put on the condom — while holding a knife to her throat. If the man truly believed the woman consented to sex, why would he continue to threaten her with her life? The alleged attacker's claim is ludicrous and offensive. You do not hold a knife to the throat of someone who wants to have sex.

While we were not sitting on the jury and can not know any extenuating circumstances in the decision not to indict the man, the justice system has made a grave mistake if her request that the man wear a condom played a factor in the outcome. In cases of violent assault, a victim's primary concern is survival. The alleged victim in this case said she asked the man to put on a condom because she was afraid of contracting AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases. Accepting the claim that such an action was an act of consent, not fear, punishes a woman for trying to get out of an attack alive.

Rape is a horrendous crime for anyone to live through. It takes tremendous courage for a victim to prolong the pain by prosecuting a case. The legal system should not compound that difficulty by punishing a woman for trying to protect herself.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Condemnation

In your editorial Sept. 28, you called for the defeat of the Oregon state constitutional amendment which would prohibit laws barring discrimination against homosexuals. You noted that this is an attempt to legislate "moral righteousness" and contended that an amendment condemning the homosexual lifestyle, because it is contrary to Christian doctrine, could also be used against Muslims because Christians do not "approve" of the Muslim lifestyle either.

If you had taken the trouble to ask any informed Muslim student on the campus, you would have learned that Islam condemns homosexual behavior just as strongly as Christianity and Judaism; and, as a consequence, any Muslim who is knowledgeable about his religion would certainly join in supporting the Oregon amendment.

Civilized communities around the world have condemned homosexual behavior because it 1) destabilizes the personalities of weak-willed individuals; 2) weakens and destroys the cohesion of natural family units; 3) fosters the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

Indeed, since the beginning of civilization, no society which has condoned the public advocacy and practice of oral and anal sexual behavior has been able to endure.

In effect, the Oregon amendment has been proposed to protect citizens from being forced to associate with those who engage in unnatural sexual practices which are morally offensive and which constitute a threat to the mental health of individuals and the physical health of the public at large.

Sodomy is a crime in the District of Columbia and if the GW administration had sufficient courage or moral character it would suppress the homosexual movement on our campus, instead of encouraging it by facilitating its efforts to gain adherents among students.

-David W. Harris

1984

The administration should repeal its policy of allowing the University Police (UPD) to investigate incidents off campus involving GW students (Oct. 5,

The GW Hatchet). That's what D.C. Metro police are paid to do. It's as if George Orwell's "1984" is at GW in 1992. With as many problems with crime this campus has, spreading the UPD even thinner to look into off-campus problems is ludicrous. I believe the Hatchet printed a list of the number of crimes reported on campus a few weeks back, which included a hefty number of on-campus problems. Where are the priorities on this campus? The administration cannot keep G Street under control, let alone the city. The administration should at least wait until GW becomes the largest land owner in the city before allowing the UPD the authority of going off campus to investigate incidents involving GW students.

This policy also could have reverse implications. Does this policy mean students will get "GW immunity" similar to diplomatic immunity? Will the university be responsible for the students' legal problems as well? We all know how fast we run across a street when we see a car with diplomatic license plates. GW students should be treated the same as any other citizens living in this country. College students are young adults, therefore they should be treated like adults.

Another dangerous part of this policy is allowing UPD to hold the officers of the student group responsible for the actions of the group. There is no question, officers of student organizations should be responsible for the actions of the group on-campus, but not off. Every student on this campus, let alone citizen of this country, has the right to privacy. As an officer of different student groups, I do not feel the University has the right to look in on my activities off campus or the activities of any students who happen to be members of the same recognized GW student group.

There are other outfits in this city that do have the right to look into the actions of people that may be violating the law. That's why different cities, counties, and districts have their own police forces. Let's say two members of the Student Association decide to rob a liquor store, does that mean Mike Musante and Jon Tarnow will be held responsible for the persons' actions? If that's the case, then shouldn't President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak ultimately be the ones held responsible? They are in fact the officers of the largest organization on campus, one in

which all of us pay dearly to be members. These are not very good precedents the University is setting. Let's concentrate on the problems on campus before venturing into the streets of the District.

-Chuck Todd

Doing fine

This letter is in response to Jennifer Wass' opinion piece in the Oct. 8 issue of The GW Hatchet. While it is obvious that AIDS is an immense problem — and I surely understand why it would be daunting enough to make you feel discouraged from time to time — I can't for the life of me understand your disappointment with GW, which seems to me to be doing its fair share several times over to fight against HIV and AIDS.

When Ms. Wass says she looks around our campus and sees "little effort being made to actually stop the spread of HIV and AIDS," what is she thinking of? When I look around GW, I see a concern for this agenda virtually everywhere — in the Dean of Students Office, in the classrooms, in the administrative offices, in the Medical School, in the hospital. GW, its students, staff, faculty and administration — indeed, even its alumni and trustees — seem to me to be about as committed to doing what they can appropriately do as is compatible with their other commitments and obligations.

It takes nothing away from the institution's concern for me to say that as important as AIDS is, there are other issues which rightfully deserve our attention. It's impossible, in fact, to make a comprehensive list, but certainly poverty, crime, racism, homelessness, breast cancer and the state of the economy deserve some attention as well. Different people will have different priorities. Some will share Ms. Wass' sense of urgency about AIDS. Others will want to devote their energies to one of the issues I've mentioned above or others of their own selection.

I thank Ms. Wass for the time and the effort she has devoted in the fight against HIV and AIDS. I wish her well with the Oct. 12-16 AIDS Awareness Week initiatives at GW.

-Stephen Joel Trachtenberg
-GW president

OP ~ EDS

U.S. should abandon embargo, allow Bosnia to strengthen defense

The world seems a mess and the times are difficult all over. Under these conditions, people tend to become preoccupied with the here, the now and the "me." This, of course, is natural... but very dangerous. It is abundantly apparent to even the most detached of individuals that as a country we can and do exercise tremendous political power on the world stage. This is by virtue of being the only remaining superpower in the world.

No one would dare argue otherwise. However, to what ends do we exercise this tremendous political muscle? The prevailing theory correctly advocates that we should exercise our political influence on the world stage in terms of our national interests. After all, this will perpetuate our strength and status as a superpower. The only gap in this theory is that when it becomes the sole basis of our policy-making it compels us to overlook certain opportunities — opportunities to do what is right, but makes no sense in terms of our national interests, opportunities to fulfill our moral responsibilities, opportunities to look beyond the here, the now and the "me."

By virtue of our strength and stature, history will judge us. For certain it will praise our efforts to preserve and perpetuate our national interests. It may not be kind to us in terms of our moral responsibility as a superpower. Did we stand up for freedom and equality despite ethnic and religious diversity? Did we stand up for justice, fairness and humanity? Did we? Even when it did not serve our national interests it was

beyond our borders?

It is correctly argued that the United States has no national interests in Bosnia-Herzegovina. However, by virtue of being a superpower and by virtue of the inhumane and senseless atrocities being perpetrated in Bosnia, the United States has a moral responsibility. It cannot stand by and let the atrocities go on.

Asim Maqbool

All the actions taken by the United States so far have had no effect on the Serbian aggression. The solution does not require direct military intervention but rather allows the Bosnians to defend themselves. The U.N.-imposed arms embargo prevents exactly that, while giving the Serbs a free hand to continue their genocide of the Bosnians.

The Serbs constituted 80 percent of the command hierarchy of the Yugoslav army and they now represent the fourth largest force in Europe. Their aim is to "ethnically cleanse" the region of non-Serbs and to establish a centrally controlled, Serb-dominated country. The leaders of Serbia are henchmen of the old communist regime.

Bosnia became independent in June 1991 with the aim of becoming the bastion of ethnic and religious tolerance, freedom and diversity in the region. Its government is

founded on democratic and representative grounds. Alija Izetbegovic, the president of Bosnia, is the only leader among the present leaders of all the republics of former Yugoslavia who does not have a Communist Party background.

The means of Bosnian defense against Serbian aggression are almost non-existent. They have almost no heavy artillery, tanks or aircraft. A makeshift band of volunteers, armed with whatever light weapons they can find, constitutes the Bosnian army.

The casualties of six months of Serbian aggression in Bosnia are (as reported Oct. 2): 71,364 killed or believed dead (9,947 children), 125,784 wounded (12,000 children), 12,000 raped and 1.3 million Bosnian refugees.

The U.S. Congress has allocated \$50 million for the aid of Bosnia at the discretion of President Bush. President Bush is not motivated to send this aid to the Bosnians or to lift the U.N. arms embargo so the Bosnians may defend their country or themselves. The Bush administration claims that it does not have any national interests in the area. It is not motivated by the moral responsibility to help stop the atrocities. This administration is determined to let history judge us as a nation that was uninterested in its moral responsibility as a superpower and was consumed by its tendency to look at only the here, the now and the "me." The question that remains is: What are we prepared to do?

Asim Maqbool is the president of the Pakistani Student Association.

Report child abuse

I was on my way to class the other night on a Georgetown bus. My attention was drawn to a woman who came on the bus with three young boys (not much older than 4 years old). She grabbed the eldest boy by the arm, slammed him down on the seat and continued to the back of the bus. This child turned around to look at his younger brothers and she screamed "turn around before I whip your hide!" He suddenly began to cry and that was the straw that broke the camel's back. The mother screamed "turn around you fuckin' piece of worthless shit. You always cause so many God damn problems. Why can't you just get your shit together and sit in the god damn seat?" The young boy cried even harder, to which her response was, "just shut the hell up." The cycle was vicious and escalating. Finally, after about three or four minutes, the child, with every ounce of strength, managed to stop crying. The mother then told the woman next to her, "I would trade them in a second, they're nothing but worthless trouble."

I was filled instantly with rage and sadness. Faced with a tug of war inside, ("do I say something to the mother, or mind my own business?"). No one on the bus said or did anything and I'm sure I wasn't the only one in that bus close to tears. Feelings of powerlessness, helplessness, disgust, fury, rage and heart-breaking sadness came over me in a wave. All I wanted to do was pick up that child and hold him in my arms. I can only imagine what life is like for that child in the privacy of his own home. Abuse is something we hear about everyday, but actually witnessing it is just too horrible to explain.

After class I came home, determined not to just accept it as "something that just happens." I called the child abuse hotline. They put me in contact with the Metropolitan Police Child Abuse and Youth Division. She explained that if I

was too scared to approach the abuser, I can still be effective. The main idea is to tell someone, anyone. If you are ever on a bus and you witness any type of physical or mental abuse, there is something you can do. Get the name of the bus driver, get the number of the bus, which is on the upper left hand corner on the outside of the bus, time you were on the bus, where the bus was going and call the Metropolitan Police at (202) 576-6762. They will take it from there by contacting the bus driver, finding out where they got off and investigating the situation.

Frances Rotondo

Children are our most precious natural resource and we must do everything we can to preserve and protect them. No one deserves to be yelled at, made to feel worthless or be physically abused. No matter how rough life gets, no one deserves to be treated in that way. By writing this letter, I don't know who it will reach or even how many people will read it. My purpose is simply this: to let each individual know that you can do something. If you can't confront the abuser, then you must tell someone (the restaurant owner, the store manager, the police, the school counselor, the teacher, the bus driver, the Metro security...). We must protect our children because they are all we have. I hope and pray that young boy slept in peace.

The Metropolitan Police Child Abuse and Youth Division Hotline is (202) 576-6762. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Frances Rotondo is a graduate student in international politics.

Some among WASPs still harbor their forefathers' hate

It is clearly understood that not all White Anglo-Saxon Protestants (WASPs) (though Columbus was not a WASP, I assume a portion of this group is who Opfer chose to speak for) who came to this country were cruel and destructive and it is further understood that not all WASPs agree with John Opfer. But, for those of you who do agree, what is your fear of acknowledging the WHOLE TRUTH? You, among the WASPs, that agree with Opfer's assinine article in the Oct. 5 GW Hatchet, keep your agreement locked inside your noggin. At least he has the temerity to wear his ignorance like "The Red Badge of Courage." For Opfer's phony "objectivism" established by Ayn Rand, and those who agree, remind yourselves of the gruesome facts of your civilized "superior culture."

COLUMBUS DIDN'T DISCOVER AMERICA. To discover something means to be the first to see, the first to find. Indians were on this land before Columbus, so he did not find it. Africans traveled to this land and traded with Indians before Columbus, but very few acknowledge this fact. And when they left, Indians were still here. No conquer-

ing, no plundering or mass destruction. Makes you wonder which group that came here acted in a more civilized manner? For evidence of African presence here and for objective facts regarding Columbus' wanderings and the white settlers that followed, read the works of Dr. van Sertima of Rutgers University or Dr. Jochanan of Cornell University. No one should have to recite to you the complex cultures and elaborate existence of Indians on this land. But you don't want to be a truly educated person, you just want to talk like one. Go to the library and read if you really want to know. Read the "objective" opinions of other researchers and writers that dispute your pseudo-discoverer.

On average, the WASPs that followed and invaded this land were peasants, rejects and jailbirds from England. They came upon a land that was bountiful and beautiful. Read Cronon's, "Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists, and the Ecology of New England." A place where Indians existed for over 10,000 years in harmony with the miraculous balance of nature. The greed and gluttonous beha-

vior of the "real" savages destroyed this land. The Indians didn't need "environmentalists" to tell them about how to treat the land and water they were dependent on. They lived as environmentalists. They taught the white man about this land. The white man saw fit to slaughter everything in sight.

He brought disease from England the Indian never confronted. And why?

Jennifer Barbour

Why was the white man so infected with ailments and plagues, such as syphilis? It is said that some had physical relations with sheep. Outside of shooting Indians directly, the white man intentionally passed blankets to the Indians filled with a disease from Europe, malaria. Great tactic, heroic move,

superior culture at work. The white man brought typhoid, typhoid they today pass to unsuspecting Yanomamo Indians of Northern Brazil. Nothing like the spread of a "superior culture." It just takes too much effort to be respectful and to be truly civilized.

And oh, how dignified and highbrow this superior culture carried out burnings at the stake — burning white women alive for being witches and left-handers for being devils. What Christians, what containers of intellect and wisdom. Remember slavery? Columbus took Indians to Spain for the comforts of bondage before Africans were dragged here.

Look at the state of this country, ecologically and socially. You now want to act in a way to save the planet, to now act as the Indians had for thousands of years. They respected the gifts of this earth. They acted in harmony with it, that's why they survived. And you, you have hardly been here 500 years and are already screaming about your survival. You are not trying to save the planet, you are trying to save yourselves. Don't go filling your head like you always have thinking you must fix everything,

improve everything. It is your foreparents mistakes, and your carrying them out under the auspices of tradition, that you are repairing. The earth doesn't need you, you need it. This is what the Indians knew.

Would you be objective enough not to charge me with robbery and murder if I walked into the home of your parents, say, and shot them, cleaned out the house and the bank account, moved in my friends and family, because I believed they were not spending their money properly, or making the best use of their home? Fortunately, a great majority of WASPs do not agree with the Ayn Rands' of the world. Fortunately, there are many minds that want to get beyond stroking and glorifying history without full, detailed and in-depth investigation. Murdering, raping and lying are easy. Ignoring it is even easier. Do something difficult, do research so that when you remember the past, you remember everything, "objectively."

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Native Americans react to attack on pre-Columbus society, culture

This past week, GW posted fliers in every building inviting the students to an unusual evening. It was entitled, "Black Indians On the East Coast." Those who attended will tell those who didn't that they received a real eye-opener from us on the true course of history, and a true picture of Columbus which resulted in a large population of persons with dual heritage. Unfortunately, because of his belief that Europeans are "superior," Mr. Opfer ("Columbus Ushered in Superior Society"), no doubt found it unnecessary to attend. It's too bad — he would have had his statements and beliefs not only challenged but refuted.

The problem with history, and it's a problem that our group is attempting to rectify, is that it's written from the standpoint of barbaric conquerors, not from gentle folk who truly came to know the culture which existed prior to their arrival. It's no accident that Mr. Opfer would say that this continent was unnamed and its inhabitants filthy. He's writing from the perspective of many who have written indigenous people's history — one of ignorance, arrogance and white supremacy.

This continent had a name, and still has that name to many Native Americans. This continent was called Turtle Island, and had a creation story all its own, no less legitimate than one created by Anglos or Jews. If Mr. Opfer's European predecessors had taken the time to ask instead of murder, he would have known that. Secondly, this

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Lawrence Dunmore

Penny Williams

continent was not sparsely inhabited; it was taken care of (and I use these words deliberately) by thousands of Native American nations, from the tip of Canada and Alaska to the bottom of South America. Their "superstition" included bathing each morning and giving thanks to the creator for life and food, (by the way, Europeans hated to bathe — they believed it would give them diseases), a knowledge of medicinal herbs which present-day pharmacists and anthropologists are scrambling to recover, a knowledge of the land and farming (corn kept the European alive once he arrived here) and a culture so rich that museums deliberately unearthed cemeteries and coerced artifacts from the people just to show the rest of the world their beauty.

Women were central to the existence of the culture, and for many of them, they were so crucial that the nations themselves were matrilineal. Clan mothers chose the male leaders and "unchose" them if they did not perform their duties properly. This matrilineal system was practically destroyed here in America and in Africa by patriarchal, chauvinist Europeans who were offended when their request to be taken to the village or city leader resulted in being brought before a woman.

Mr. Opfer states that our people led a life of fear — fear of war, of pestilence . . . of the forces of the universe which they could not control but only submit to . . . Evidently, he has never heard of the European feudal state where the wealth was concentrated in the hands of a few at the expense of the poor — the same as it is in America. He has obviously never heard of the Black Plague, cholera, tuberculosis and smallpox, which eradicated Europeans by the millions during two separate periods in history. Native Americans seldom developed these diseases, and the common cold was unheard of to them until the arrival of the European, which decimated their numbers by 50 percent in under 60 years. Because of their fear of bathing, and their practice of dumping human feces in the streets, Europeans were always ill. And only a few were literate. Frankly, places such as Georgia and Australia were repopulated by the people Europe did not want — thieves, prostitutes, pirates, murderers, rapists and penal colonies. And we still submit to natural force — ask the residents of Florida and Louisiana who were pummeled by Hurri-

cane Andrew.

When Columbus arrived in Hispanola, he called the inhabitants "Indios", or "Children of God," then proceeded to kidnap them by the score and ship them back to Spain in chains. The rest he enslaved, chopping off the hands of any male 14 years of age or older who did not bring him a required quota of gold every two months. Since there was no gold on the island, thousands of native men bled to death even before the diseases hit them. And there, Mr. Opfer, is the reason good old Christopher came to this island, or wherever he thought he was. He was seeking gold and spices, fame and fortune. Never mind that he had no respect for the inhabitants who were already here, who had a name for their island, who had a name for each other, who had a religious way of life that involved every day, not just on Sunday.

When Indians began dying by the scores from European diseases, the Spanish turned to Africa to replenish the supply, thereby instituting the trans-Atlantic slave trade and robbing Africa of more than 40 million people, not counting those who did not survive the Middle Passage. Mr. Opfer quotes Ayn Rand, "A free society is better than slavery." Evidently, Columbus himself did not understand this precept. He enslaved Native Americans and Africans in the so-called "New World", not realizing that Native Americans had constructed pyramids to rival any edifice built by Europeans, developed calendars accurate to the hour, that Africans had schools of navigation and astronomy so without peer that Prince Henry the Navigator would send his European sailors to them, that Africans developed the Pythagorean theorem 400 years before Pythagoras traveled to Africa to "discover" it for himself, and thus take the credit. Incidentally, Christopher's son, Diego, attempted to start a colony in South Carolina, but the Africans and Indians that he had enslaved burned down his plantations, fled into the rain forests and created their own communities called the "maroons." When Columbus reached Hispanola, the Indians there told him that they had been receiving metal weapons from Africans for hundreds of years before his arrival.

Our group also discussed with each other, why the European earth religions are being resurrected with such strength now. Did you know, Mr. Opfer, that the very forces which ushered in "reason" and "religion" with hangings and burnings did the same to its own people in Europe? That the age of "reason" destroyed their temples, burned women, and with that destruction the respect for the earth and everything in it went the way of the do-do.

"Superior" cultures do not enslave; they treat other people as their equals. Witness Columbus's earlier destruction and the current need for the Civil Rights Movement. "Superior" cultures respect the earth, and learn to live in harmony with it. Our air is polluted, our water is dirty, the ozone layer has a frightening hole in it, and indigenous peoples are still being murdered today for rainforest land. "Superior" cultures respect the religions of others; they do not engage in genocide for the sake of religious conversion, whether it is based on racism, greed, or a sense of superiority. And because of this legacy of violence, America suffers from a "terrible loneliness of the spirit" to quote Chief Seattle, because so many, including Mr. Opfer, don't know what true spirit is. Spirit, Mr. Opfer, not superstition. We teach our children to say the words, "With Liberty and Justice For All" every morning in school, but so many don't believe these words and therefore do not practice them, because as Mr. Opfer believes, some cultures are better than others.

I am ending this article with a quote which I believe would not only sum up what has been stated before, but would refute Mr. Opfer's belief in Columbus's superiority. One of the few remaining Native American elders in this hemisphere from the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy has said, "You called us wild but we were just free. If we were savages, Columbus would have never gotten off this island alive."

Victoria L. Price, Lawrence Dunmore and Penny Williams are of Native American / African American descent and spoke on campus last week.

Neither side escapes horror of Yugoslavia

I had just picked up my Ben and Jerry's at the M.C. Store and was making my merry way out of the Marvin Center, when something caught my eye. It was a sign on a television with a word on it that I had become all too familiar with: Bosnia. I stood and watched the videotape of "Serbian Atrocities" in Bosnia for awhile. I remembered the fliers that I had seen the other day. They had read: "Bosnia . . . Holocaust in Europe 1992. See: Red Cross video footage of Serbian 'ethnic cleansing.' . . ." The fliers further advertised the Muslim Student Association's presentation of the speaker, H.E. Nedzivi Sacirbey, the ambassador of Bosnia to the United States. I stopped to talk to two of the students behind the desk. One asked

Jelena Budjevac

me if I was interested in participating in the upcoming demonstration asking President Bush to remove the embargo against Bosnia, the arms and weapons embargo, that is. I wasn't sure whether to feel amused or sad. I finally settled on hopelessly nauseous.

The situation in the former Yugoslavia is not as black and white as everyone would like to see it. Serbian atrocities committed against Serbs are not spoken of and it is not because they are not happening. As recent as last week on the CBS evening news, American journalists reported Muslim atrocities against Serbs. A British reporter spoke of the hideously maimed and tortured bodies of the Serbian dead left by the Bosnian Muslim forces. Graphic photographs accompanied the verified testimony. "Video footage of Serbian 'ethnic cleansing'" is shown and talked of, yet Muslim ethnic cleansing of Serbs is not even mentioned. Cleansing of Serbs from Bosnia is not new. It started gradually, though not through such violent means, 20 to 30 years ago under the former Communist regime. Also, as early as May 1992, the Eastern Orthodox Church issued a memorandum to all the world voicing its concern and condemnation of detention camps for Serbs in Bosnia. It expressly mentioned a camp near Bosanski Shamac in Odjak where more than 4,000 Serbs were interned. This was long before the Western European and American media even heralded the words concentration camps. Even now, Serbs have been removed from their ancestral home in some 70 cities in Bosnia, from Mostar to Zenica to Travnik. U.N. and Red Cross reports discuss atrocities committed by both sides. As Major General Lewis MacKenzie stated on Aug. 4, 1992, "All parties are guilty in this conflict." This "Holocaust in Europe 1992" does not discriminate. It is real for Serbs as well as for Muslims and all those involved. Unfortunately, the greatest victim of this "holocaust" is the truth.

It is said that the Serbs are well armed and are obtaining weapons from outside suppliers. They are not the only ones who have found a loophole in the arms embargo. Bosnian Muslims are receiving weapons, money and military volunteers from other nations. Lift the arms

embargo? Do so and the level of atrocity and killing will only escalate to a new height. The problem in Bosnia is not a lack of arms, rather the contrary. More weapons never solved anything, nor will they now. Sheer might is not a solution. If might makes right, then there is no room for peace or justice. Nor is there room for negotiations. The commander of the Bosnian Muslim forces, Sefir Halilovic, told the Associated Press and U.N. representatives that there is no interest in negotiations because his "forces offensive . . . is how we are negotiating" (Washington Post, Sept. 13, 1992). Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic stated, "That there can be no peace or coexistence between Islamic faith and non-Islamic faith . . . The Islamic movement must and can take power not only to destroy the non-Islamic power, but to build up a new Islamic one." (The London Daily Telegraph, The New York Times, Aug. 17, 1992). The Bosnian government went so far as to declare that Bosnian Serbs have no place as citizens in Bosnia, even though they are more than 33 percent of the population.

So what is the ultimate solution? Perhaps there isn't one. But the path to any possible solution must be a truthful one. One where there is no room for bias, propaganda or one-sidedness. One that is not just black or white.

"The situation in the former Yugoslavia is not as black and white as everyone would like to see it. Serbian atrocities committed against Serbs are not spoken of and it is not because they are not happening."

This campus is so concerned with political correctness, cultural awareness, tolerance and objectivity. Yet, on this campus, when I am asked what my ethnic background is and I respond Serbian, the reaction I face is always the same: a gasp, a recoiling and a look of utter disgust.

The situation in the former Yugoslavia and similar places elsewhere will never improve if people can not confront them truthfully. Until people are aware of and understand the history and all the facts and realize that all sides are to blame, the bloodshed in Yugoslavia will never stop.

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MPD arrests student for armed robbery

by Elissa Leibowitz

Asst. News Editor

A male GW student was arrested and charged with simple assault by Metropolitan Police Friday, University Police Director Timothy Murrell said.

The student approached two females at 21st Street and Pennsylvania Avenue at 2:30 a.m. and reportedly made vulgar remarks. When the females responded verbally, the assailant told them "if they didn't shut up he would and could hit them," Murrell said. After that threat was again verbally challenged, the man reportedly punched one woman in the nose. Murrell said the assailant was intoxicated.

Companions of the victim who witnessed the assault approached a passing UPD patrol car to get help. The UPD officer notified MPD, according to the report.

A UPD officer caught the assailant running west on Eye Street. The assailant, however, denied hitting the woman. "He said the complainant's injuries were due to her falling on the sidewalk," the report stated.

The victim was treated and released from GW Medical Center.

In an unrelated incident, a non-GW female was arrested for armed robbery near the Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro station Thursday.

At approximately 1 a.m., the woman and a female accomplice blindfolded two D.C. visitors near the 800 block of New Hampshire Ave. NW, where they were staying at the Guest Quarters hotel, Murrell said. The women walked to Eye Street near Ross Hall where they were robbed of cash and credit cards. Neither victim was injured.

One assailant, who was carrying brass knuckles and the victims' stolen credit cards, was arrested later by MPD and charged with armed robbery, Murrell said. Although the arrested assailant was not charged with kidnapping, MPD will present the charge to a grand jury later this month, Murrell said.

The other assailant has not been arrested. A crime alert posted last week describes the assailant as "a tall, black female in her twenties, with a dark complexion, large eyes, long black, braided hair, wearing a black sweatshirt and answering to the name 'Consuela.'"

Credit union lies ahead

University plans announcement on progress soon

The University is preparing itself for a "big, exciting, sexy announcement" concerning the creation of a GW credit union, Associate Vice President for Finance John Schauss said.

The idea was presented at a meeting of the Board of Trustees last spring and the University expects to announce the launch of the credit union within the next two weeks, Schauss said.

A credit union at GW would allow GW community members to pool savings and obtain low interest loans.

Schauss said the University had to wait for the National Credit Union

Association — the regulating body for the credit union movement — to process their application for affiliation as a credit union.

"This is going to be an exciting event, not just for students and alumni, but for faculty and staff as well," Schauss said. "I think this is going to be a win-win situation for everyone."

"There has been a lot of activity in the University over this idea," Schauss said, adding that the University had been told there would not be any difficulties with the NCUA process.

-Daniel Owen

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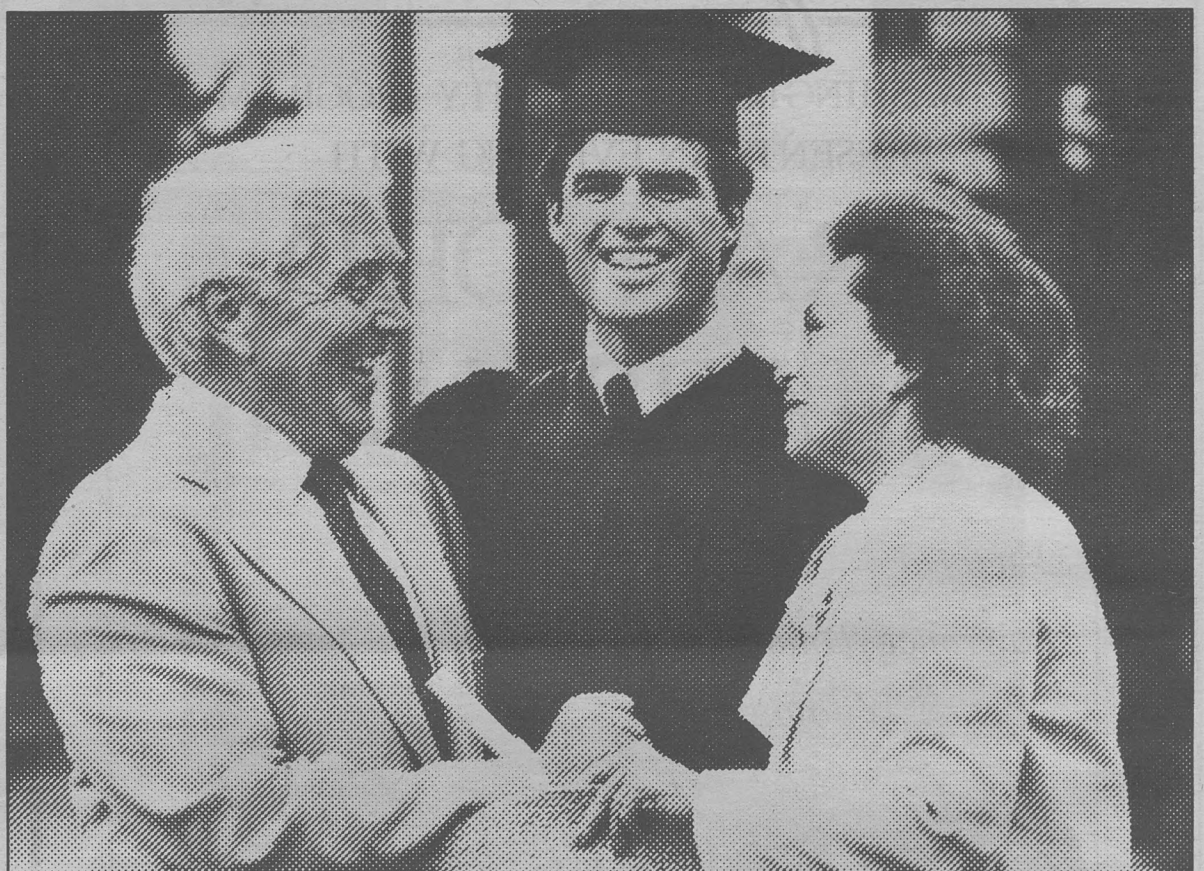
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union," Chernak wrote. "... There is nothing a union can do for you — except charge dues — that you can't do for yourself in the environment that we are building together within the department."

Since the previous administration

under Curtis Goode, some of the officers' concerns have been met. "Some (concerns) have been quite legitimate and ... have either been addressed or are in the process of being addressed," Chernak said.

Kennedy countered these arguments with a letter of the same date encouraging the officers to examine all the facts before being influenced by anti-union sentiment. "Contrary to what the University implies in each of its corres-

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similar format as the one at Butler, Stafford said. Representatives from the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, Metropolitan Police and the District Attorney's office, as well as UPD and the

Dean of Student's office will be consulted for training.

In addition to the training, the team will send letters to faculty, staff and students leaders to "attempt to let them know we exist." These community members will filter the information to the student body. Faculty and staff, as well as students, can also use the team's services, Stafford said.

Another important part of the

program is the generic report form, allowing victims to file a confidential, non-UPD-related report on an assault, Stafford said. These crimes will be counted in the statistics required by the right-to-know act for sexual assaults, thus giving a more accurate number of assaults on campus, Stafford explained. Many sexual assaults go unreported each year, according to the Student Right to Know Act.

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Bookstore starts sale of Benetton products

Benetton accessories are now available at the GW Bookstore.

According to Linda Chernak, store buyer, GW is the first college store Benetton has decided to sell to. "They (the Benetton company) figured out the college student is their (primary) market ... they wanted a prime location to sell (their products)," Chernak said.

Another important factor why Benetton chose the GW Bookstore is the fact that Benetton is an international company that wants to sell to an international student body, Store Manager Dave Peterson said.

Products include accessories ranging from umbrellas to cosmetics to school bags.

Chernak said the Benetton accessories have only been on campus for a few days, but students seem intrigued and

enthusiastic about the products. "It's an environmentally sound company ... their products are pure," Chernak said.

Benetton products will stay as long as they are selling, Chernak said. Benetton has not decided if they will remain in the bookstore permanently or add clothes to their line of products, Bookstore General Manager Jim Kuhlman said.

Benetton is the most recent addition to the bookstore since the store has been under new management by the Follett Company. The University ran the store since July 1989. According to Kuhlman, there has been a drastic improvement in sales and renovation.

In addition to the Benetton line, the bookstore has added student software and an expanded clothing line.

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Human rights abuses force pilot to defect from Cuban homeland

by Zachary Nienus

Hatchet Reporter

Major Orestes Lorenzo was the Cuban ideal of "The New Socialist Man" — tall, handsome, and excelled as a youth in academics and athletics.

During an Oct. 8 speech in the Marvin Center entitled "The New Man and Human Rights in Cuba," he explained how the ideologic purity of the Cuban revolution has been replaced by human rights abuses to keep Fidel Castro in power. "What legitimacy can a regime claim that holds the families of its diplomats, athletes, doctors and artists hostage while they are abroad?"

When he was 7 years old, he responded to his parents' suggestion that his family might move to America by saying he would rather see them dead than be traitors to their motherland. At 24, he was chosen to fly Soviet-built MiG fighter planes in defense of Cuba. He had a wife he loved and two children.

He rose rapidly through the ranks of the Cuban Air Force and in 1986, was one of four Cuban pilots who attended the elite Special War College, in the Soviet Union. Lorenzo returned to Cuba and could look forward to becoming one of the few men on the island who could share in the power to control the destiny of Communist Cuba.

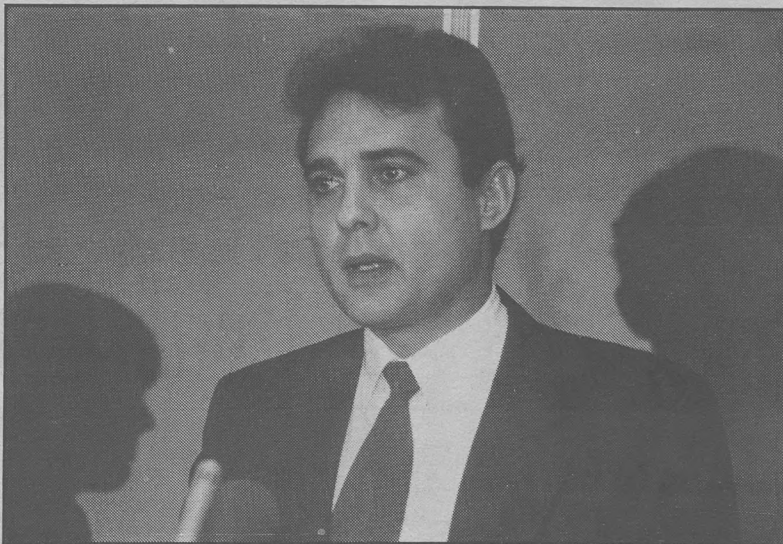
Lorenzo defected to the United States on March 20, 1991.

He had one overriding desire to defect to America — his children. He had not left them behind to be forgotten. When Lorenzo was in the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev introduced the new policies of *glasnost* and *perestroika*.

In this time of openness, Lorenzo said he soon realized he had his childhood stolen from him by Castro. "When I was 7, I had no time for toys or childhood fantasies . . . (although) I could assemble and disassemble an assault rifle."

Lorenzo could not bring himself to allow his children to be brought up in the same system, sacrificing their childhoods and their individuality so one man could maintain an iron grip on Cuba. His defection to Boca Chica, Fla. was the first such defection in 20 years, Valladares Foundation member Brandon Scheid, who sponsors Lorenzo's tours, said. It was, however, only the first step to free his children from Cuba.

In retaliation to Lorenzo's defection, the Cuban government told Vicki Lorenzo, his wife, that as the "family of



Cuban defector Major Orestes Lorenzo.

photo by Jay Rapaport

traitors" they would never be allowed to leave the island. Afraid his family would suffer because of him, Lorenzo went on a crusade to address the people of America and the world about the terrible human rights' violations in Cuba.

His crusade had led him to speak before the U.N. Human Rights Commission in June 1991. In July 1991, Lorenzo went on a seven-day hunger strike in Madrid to coincide with Castro's arrival at the Ibero-American conference.

Lorenzo explained his reason for bringing his cause to college campuses. "When I was in Cuba, I was taught that American students were bad, uncaring. I have learned for myself that that was wrong, and I hope that students will become active in helping to solve the problem of human rights in Cuba."

Lorenzo said he plans to speak out on several college campuses in the Washington, D.C. area in the near future, including American University on Nov. 5.

Cuba still remains adamant in refusing to allow Lorenzo's family to leave, despite written protests by 50 U.S. congressmen and senators.

In his closing remarks, Lorenzo stressed that the only way the Cuban problem could ever be rectified is if concerned people decide to bring wider awareness to the problem. Lorenzo ended his speech on a hopeful note: "I hope you truly appreciate the freedom all of you have. I urge you to get involved through organizations or your community, so that Cuba can be free."

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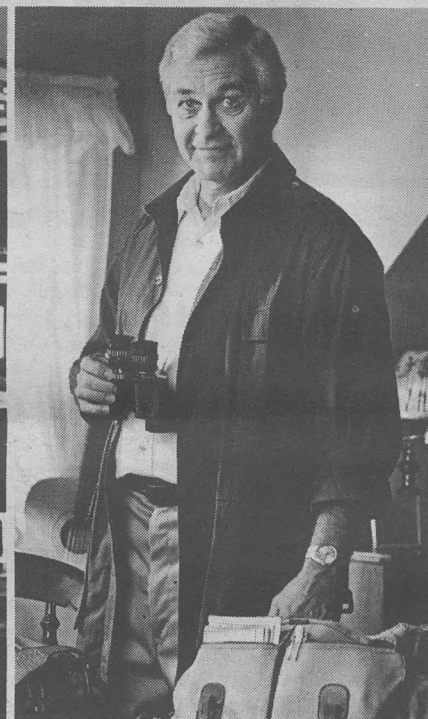
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(l. to r.) Drew, Augustyniak, Merchant, Buck and Gustafson

10,000 Maniacs move to musical paradise

by Jennifer Mayne

In its first completely new release since 1989, 10,000 Maniacs has produced an intelligent and enjoyable album. *Our Time In Eden* (Elektra) consists of 13 exceptional songs which span a long range of emotions.

Musically, *Eden* presents the Maniacs at their best. The album has a mature and full sound created in part by varied instrumentation. Rob Buck plays a variety of stringed instruments in addition to guitars, including banjo, lap and pedal steel and mandocello, while keyboardist Dennis Drew is also heard on accordion. Jerome Augustyniak's percussion work is stronger than it has ever been and bassist Steven Gustafson also does fine work. Rounding out the quintet is vocalist / lyricist Natalie Merchant, who plays quite a bit of piano as well.

Merchant has come into her own as a songwriter, composing more than half the album. However, the whole group collaborated on "Stockton Gala Days," "Eden" and "Circle Dream." As usual, the lyrics are rich in Judeo-Christian imagery and are some of the best that Merchant has ever written. In many instances, they could stand on their own as poetry.

Our Time In Eden is a far more optimistic work than the band's previous efforts. The first single, "These Are Days," is without a doubt the most jubilant song in the Maniacs' repertoire. Buck's guitar creates a buoyant mood, accompanied by the abundant percussion of Augustyniak and guest musician Paulino de Costa. Merchant's voice soars above the instruments with a joyous tribute to spring.

The euphoria in "These Are Days" is tempered in tracks such as "Noah's Dove," which opens the album. Guided by a simple piano line, it deals with a relationship plagued by mistrust and deception.

Musical and lyrical contrast is an important element throughout the album. A string quartet is featured in "Jezebel," but don't expect to hear something like *In My Tribe's* "Verdi Cries." The song, which describes the plight of an unhappy wife seeking a divorce, alternates between quiet interludes with strings and piano and sudden bursts of intense guitar, percussion and bass. Similar contrasts occur in "Tolerance." The astonishingly moving "Stockton Gala Days" compares the innocence of childhood to the disillusionment of maturity. "How I've learned to hide / How I've locked inside / You'd be surprised if shown / But you'll never know."

One of the most touching tracks on the album is "My How You've Grown." In it, Merchant accompanies herself on piano while singing tenderly to a child who is growing up before her eyes. She is joined by Mary Ramsey on viola, who is the current musical partner of ex-Maniac John Lombardo.

The biggest departure on *Our Time In Eden* occurs in "Few And Far Between" and "Candy Everybody Wants." Both tracks feature The JB Horns, producing a truly different sound than any other 10,000 Maniacs songs. Although Merchant will probably never be dubbed the Godmother of Soul, the songs are refreshing and fun.

The album closes to the haunting strains of "I'm Not The Man," a song that everyone in the District should hear before voting on the death penalty. It tells the story of an innocent man condemned to die. The band is joined by two bassoonists who help to create the ominous tone.

10,000 Maniacs' *Our Time In Eden* is an excellent album. They have continued to expand their style and explore new musical territory, while maintaining the qualities that make them one of the most intriguing bands around.

R.E.M. returns to its musical roots to record *Automatic for the People*

by Danielle Noll

When the members of R.E.M. — Bill Berry (percussion), Peter Buck (guitar), Mike Mills (bass) and Michael Stipe (vocals) — gave their debut performance before a drunken, staggering crowd at a friend's birthday in 1979, they didn't even have a name. Now, 11 years and eight albums later — 10 including two compilation albums, *Dead Letter Office* and *Eponymous* — the four-man band from Athens, Ga. not only have a name but a diverse following and have found themselves on the brink of superstardom as one of America's best rock bands.

Obviously, such success didn't come easy, especially because the boys were determined to do things their own way. Rather than selling out to mainstream music, R.E.M. did things the hard way — producing album after album and touring the country endlessly until the mainstream listeners got the message.

And boy, did they get the message. *Out of Time* sold 4 million copies in the United States and the album's single, "Losing My Religion" swept both the 1991 MTV Video Awards and the 1991 Rolling Stone Readers' Poll. Instead of resting on its laurels or launching a nationwide tour, R.E.M. returned to the studios — and their musical roots — in May 1991 to record yet another album. *Automatic for the People* (Warner Bros.) picks up where *Out of Time's* "Low" and "Country Feedback" left off, intertwining rich string harmonies and heavy instrumentation with a strong, solid lyrical base that stretches back to the group's third and darkest album, *Fables of the Reconstruction*. Unlike *Out of Time*, *Automatic* doesn't feature a bright "Shiny Happy People" or even a punchy "Radio Song," but



strives to reveal the band's serious side through dark, heavy instrumentation and emotional lyrics.

The album begins on a brooding note with "Drive" (also the album's first single), a collection of simple sentences and a straightforward acoustic lines, interrupted frequently by sharp electric power chords and string harmonies.

From there, the band members begin to experiment, first with one of the more upbeat tracks, "The Sidewinder Sleeps Tonite." Stipe extends his vocal palate into the stratosphere with high-pitched wails and sends his lyrics into obscurity with references to Nescafe Iced Tea, black-eyed peas and Dr. Seuss. All of

this is layered on top of smooth acoustic guitar and swinging, swirling string melodies.

There are softer sides to the album, exemplified by the slow, moving "Everybody Hurts," the R.E.M. equivalent of Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Background harmonies, soft, lilting guitar arpeggios, faint string lines and a gentle, ticking percussion — courtesy of an old Univox drum machine — move the song swiftly toward the power chord-driven climax.

R.E.M. returns to the basics in "Monty Got a Raw Deal," a tribute to Montgomery Clift — a handsome, charismatic film star who, accompanied by Marlon Brando, was one of the first rebel heroes in film, predating the likes of James Dean and Steve McQueen. Clift's career was cut short by a car accident that left his face disfigured and continued his downward trend under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The sober ballad features a powerful bass and drums combination, interrupted only by short, tribal-sounding interludes, complete with tambourines, acoustic guitar rifts and background chants that reinforce Stipe's somber, warlike tone.

R.E.M. saves its political commentary — and its harder edge — for "Ignoreland," an anti-Reagan anthem, comparable to *Document's* "Exhuming McCarthy." Stipe's intelligent verse — sung through an amplifier — is barely audible above the strong guitar chords, harmonica and encouraging shouts. Both this song and "Monty Got a Raw Deal" provide some compensation for the "rock" album that fans had hoped for. The latest word is that the band will head back to the studio soon to record a "noisier" album, before touring with three albums' worth of new material.



Clockwise from upper left: Mills, Berry, Stipe and Buck



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Action pushes Siege to surface

by Lee Hoffman

Steven Seagal, the surly master of breaking arms and perforating bad guys, is at it again in his new release, *Under Siege*. Seagal's fifth picture in four years proves Hollywood's faith in the actor's ability to draw an audience, and with the nonstop action that *Siege* offers, Hollywood's faith seems justified.

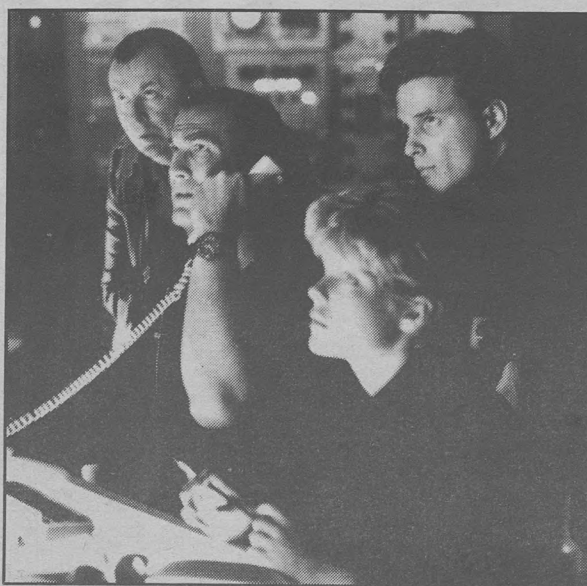
Under Siege represents a bit of a departure for Seagal, who has gained recognition in the realm of action movies by playing the recurring role of an angry police officer who is forced to take justice into his own hands. This time, Seagal plays Casey Ryback, a former Navy SEAL who becomes disillusioned with covert operations after bad intelligence results in the loss of most of his squad in Panama.

Sympathetic to Ryback's plight, the commander of the battleship USS Missouri, Captain Adams (Patrick O'Neal) takes Ryback aboard as the ship's cook so he can finish his career in relative peace. Unfortunately for Ryback, the Missouri and all of her weapons — including several nuclear missiles — have fallen into the hands of terrorists. The terrorists are led by William Strannix (Tommy Lee Jones), a disgruntled CIA operative and are aided by a traitorous first officer, Commander Krill, done brilliantly by Gary Busey.

After Krill manages to trap his crew below deck and kill the captain, the way is quickly cleared for the terrorists to take over the ship and begin stripping the weapons systems for shipment to foreign arms dealers. The only thing standing in the way of the terrorists is Ryback, a few stranded soldiers he manages to find and a stripper, played by Erika Eleniak. Ryback's tattered group manages to defeat the marauders and even save the world from a stray nuclear missile launch.

Granted, one has to suspend disbelief, if ever so slightly. However, if one is able to get past the impossibility of such a takeover, the rest of the movie provides first-class entertainment.

For an action movie, there is a surprising amount of character development taking place. Seagal plays his typical cynical, taciturn character in Ryback, but he, unlike other characters Seagal has played, possesses a bit of optimism in the system. It is Jones' character, Strannix, however, that makes the screen come alive. Jones is able to combine the



Steven Seagal and his crew talk to the Pentagon.

elements of diabolical insanity with methodical genius to produce a villain unlike any other to hit the screen.

The movie moves much like a chess match with Ryback and Strannix trading moves and counter moves. The element of mental action as well as physical stunts allow the suspense to build. The higher mental level also allows for an occasional effective use of humor as well. Rather than detract from the action, the humor in *Siege* adds to the entertainment.

The movie's producers, of which Seagal was one, paid obvious strict attention to detail. Outside scenes were shot on the deck of the U.S.S. Alabama, currently mothballed outside of Mobile.

The special effects in *Under Siege* are nothing short of phenomenal. No detail was overlooked, from making a stationary, harbored ship appear to move on the high seas to all of the explosions and pyrotechnics involved in reclaiming a stolen ship from terrorists.

Fans of Seagal as well as fans of the action genre in general are certain to find *Under Siege* riveting. Seagal proves he is capable of parlaying his martial arts talent and passion for heavy weaponry into an entertaining film. With *Under Siege*, Seagal has taken his rightful place with action giants such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jean-Claude Van Damme, Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone as one of the most entertaining actors in action movies.

Everything's Alright with The Boos' latest

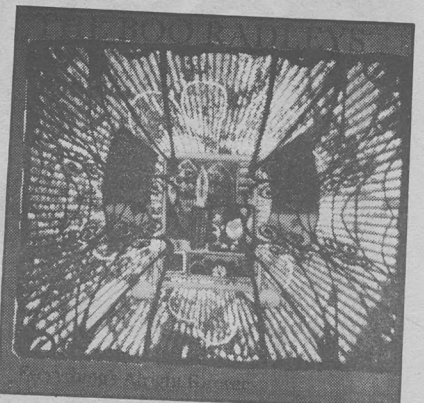
by Bill Deubert

Despite the myriad number of inconsistencies involved with the music industry, there are some constants. One of these constants is that new and unique musical styles are always emerging from the United Kingdom. Such is the case with The Boo Radleys — a name that is a marvel in itself — who have made their American debut with its latest album *Everything's Alright Forever* (Columbia).

The Boos, as they are called in the United Kingdom, is an alternative group that formed in Liverpool in 1988. They began playing in clubs and soon released a number of mini-albums, all of which hit number one on the U.K.-independent charts. After that, it was only a matter of time before the band released a full-length album, which is now in circulation.

The 14-track album is a musical ingenuity. The Boos capture a unique sound that cannot accurately be described on paper — you have to listen to them to truly appreciate the group's style. One important concept they use on the album is versatility. All of the songs have a sound of their own. While some of the songs tend to drone on endlessly — six minutes is a bit too long for a guitar solo — most of the tracks combine a dreamlike sound with creative acoustic guitar.

The band's lead singer — whose name is nowhere to be found on the album — has a voice that can only be described as spiritual. It is his voice that really makes the band special. The best song on the album is the first track, entitled "Spaniard." The piece has



undertones reminiscent of Spanish music, but The Boos' sound is interwoven throughout.

Another interesting piece is "Song for the Morning to Sing," which is more mellow than "Spaniard," but still manages to capture the group's unique sound. "Room at the Top" and "Sparrow" are similar pieces because of their monotonous guitar solos — these two drone on without much melody, beat or lyrics and are the least interesting tracks on the album. On the other hand, the songs "Does this Hurt?" and "Smile Fades Fast" are more like the conventional rock song — these songs contain definite melodies and more than just guitar.

One must have a tolerance for excessive guitar and unusual vocals in order to appreciate the group's music. They are sure to gain popularity in the United States as *Everything's Alright Forever* becomes better known, for such innovations cannot go unnoticed for long. In an industry where similar sounds abound, fresh ideas are always welcome.

Sticks and stones break Machine

by Collin Hill

Tom Waits is one of the better singer / songwriter types around, period. He's also one of the more obtuse and literary songwriters, writing the songs that Jack Kerouac would have written had he taken the time to do so. His dense literary style, percussive music and signature voice are what have put him in a class by himself.

In his latest album, *Bone Machine* (Island) these idiosyncrasies threaten to eat him alive, but he manages to escape with only a few tooth marks to go with the scars he already had.

The old Waits magic is in fine form on "In the Coliseum," "All Stripped Down," and "I Don't Want To Grow Up." Each has the strange industrial / tribal percussion combined with his singular lyrics and loping songs. "Coliseum" gets political: "This one's for the balcony / and this one's for the floor / as the senators decapitate / the presidential whore." A change from the requisite songs about drunkards and dwarves.

"Stripped Down" is more traditional with an almost spiritual call and response format. The standout song on the album, though, is "I Don't Want to

Grow Up." It's a sparse song about the perils of adult life. It will definitely strike a chord with the college student desperately trying to stave off the real world. Wait says, "I don't wanna float a broom / fall in love and get married then boom / How the hell did it get here so soon / I don't wanna grow up." Ironical, since he wrote this and seven other of the songs with his wife Kathleen Brennan.

There is other collaboration on the album. Primus' Les Claypool returns a favor on the bad opening track "Earth Died Screaming" and the original bone machine Keith Richards co-wrote and sings on the last track, a mediocre "That Feel."

The album's largest drawback is a lack of coherency which was so important to the classics *Swordfishtrombones* and *Rain Dogs*. Also in *Machine*, Waits' percussion obsession overwhelms the album. He plays percussion on every song and it lacks the precision of his past studio help. Other songs such as "Murder in the Red Barn" for example, meander around and take far too long to go nowhere.

I can't help but miss the talents of Mark Ribot who added his formidable guitar skills to Waits' previous albums.



The old Waits albums gelled like cooling grease on a grill. *Bone Machine* at times fails to overcome its ambitions. Some of the songs are good while some are just kind of good and a few are bad. After his past triumphs some isn't good enough, but the album is still worth buying.

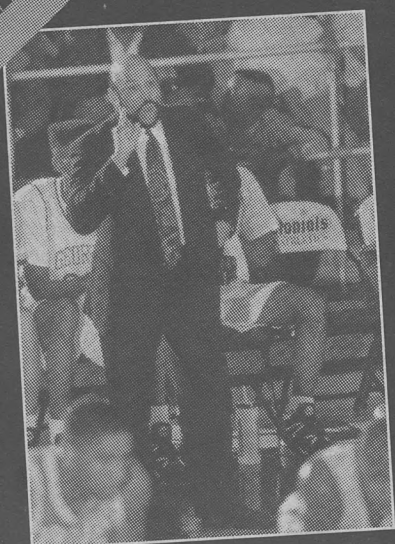
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ARTIST	SONG
1. R.E.M.	"Drive"
2. SUNDAYS	"Love"
3. PETER GABRIEL	"Digging in the Dirt"
4. 10,000 MANIACS	"These Are Days"
5. SCREAMING TREES	"Nearly Lost You"
6. MORRISEY	"Tomorrow"
7. SONIC YOUTH	"100%"
8. ALICE IN CHAINS	"Them Bones"
9. MARY'S DANISH	"Killjoy"
10. RAMONES	"Poison Heart"
11. MINISTRY	"NWO"
12. PAUL WESTERBERG	"Dyslexic Heart"
13. REIN SANCTION	"This Town"
14. UTAH SAINTS	"Something Good"
15. FAITH NO MORE	"Midlife Crisis"
16. KITCHENS OF DISTINCTION	"4 Men"
17. LUNA	"I Can't Wait"
18. BLEACH	"Killing Time"
19. VASELINES	"Son Of A Gun"
20. SOUL ASYLUM	"Someone To Shove"

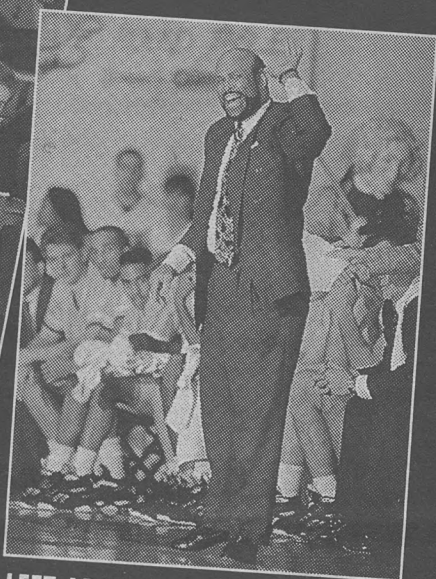
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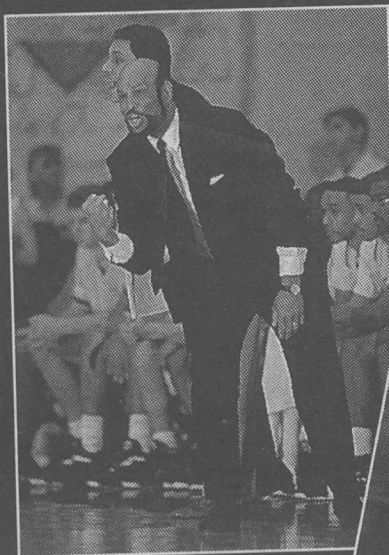
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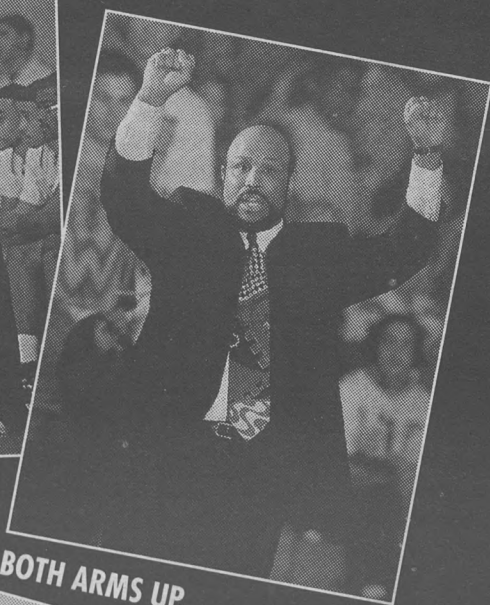
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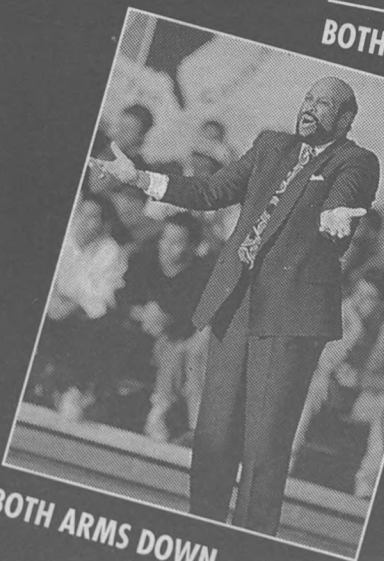
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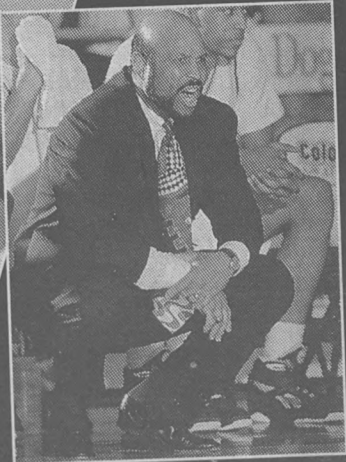
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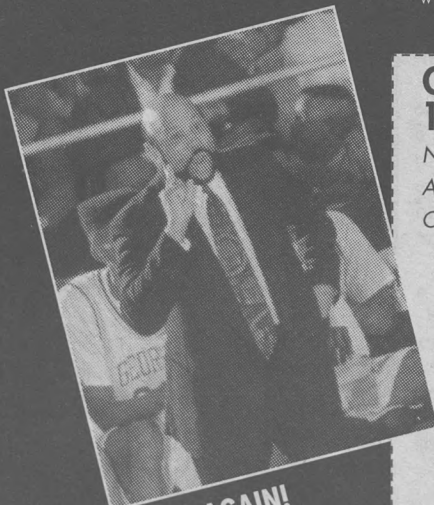
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Author celebrates Columbus' purpose

by Dave Cogan

Hatchet Reporter

Society's feelings toward Christopher Columbus are a symptom of multiculturalism and political correctness movements that have made it unfashionable to celebrate the holiday, author Thomas Bowden said at an Objectivist Club-sponsored event Monday night.

"The fact that there are not more people here is some indication of the fact that the Columbus celebration has fragmented to the point where it is invisible," Bowden, who wrote the book, *The Enemies of Columbus*, said to approximately 12 people who attended the event.

He said the "judgment and guidance of one man," Christopher Columbus, brought western civilization to the Americas. Western civilization, Bowden said, is the pinnacle of human achievement and the foundation of building a better future. He added that western civilization is superior to other societies. It is better to live in 1992, than in 1492, he said.

Bowden said he believes Columbus is a hero. Columbus made possible the geographical expansion of western civilization, he said, adding that unlike the Indians, Columbus based his values and ideas on reality and natural laws leading to his intellectual certainty. "Confidence radiated out of him like the heat of the sun," Bowen said.

However, he said religious commitment led to the use of force by Columbus and other explorers. Even though Columbus was "not perfect," his religious actions have "no historical significance," according to Bowden.

With regard to Indians, Bowden said he feels they were uncivilized savages and even today fail to assimilate into western culture. Bowden said although the Indians did help the settlers with managing crops and served as guides, this does not take away from the fact that they were primitives.

Bowden said the Indians had no claim to the continent. Because they were generally a nomadic people and because those that did stay in one place did not improve the land, he said they have no land rights. Bowden's definition of "ownership" is someone who improves the land they are on significantly.

Consequently, Christopher Columbus' claim of the Americas for Spain had no merit, Bowden said. The Indians needed to be influenced by western civilization, he said, adding that not everyone's values and morals are right. He said he feels there is a standard of whose morality is best, it is not an objective opinion. Everyone needs western values and laws because we are all "human beings," Bowden said.

Bowden agreed that other Europeans could have discovered the Americas and they would have been celebrated instead of Columbus.

The reason GW is not interested in celebrating or learning about Columbus, Bowden said, is students have not been taught anything good about Columbus. Most people are "ignorant about history" and listen to "anti-reason" and "anti-Columbus" people too often, he added.

Ex-student sentenced to 10 years

Former GW student Matthew Stong was sentenced in Alexandria Circuit Court last week to 10 years in prison for the attempted theft of 90 handguns from the Potomac Arms gun store in Old Town.

Stong was a junior in the School of Business and Public Management at the time of the April burglary. He was expelled from GW, where he made the

dean's list, and pleaded guilty at an August Circuit Court trial to charges of grand larceny and burglary.

Convicted felon William O. Lara, 30, of Texas, and Stong were arrested by Alexandria Police at about 5 a.m. April 24 in front of the store's broken front window along with three duffel bags containing more than \$40,000 worth of stolen weapons. Lara was sentenced in

July to 15 years in prison for the burglary.

Stong told Circuit Court Judge Alfred D. Swersky he was addicted to drugs at the time of the crime and said he did not know Lara planned to rob the gun store that night.

Stong will be eligible for parole after serving 20 months in prison.

-Paul Connolly



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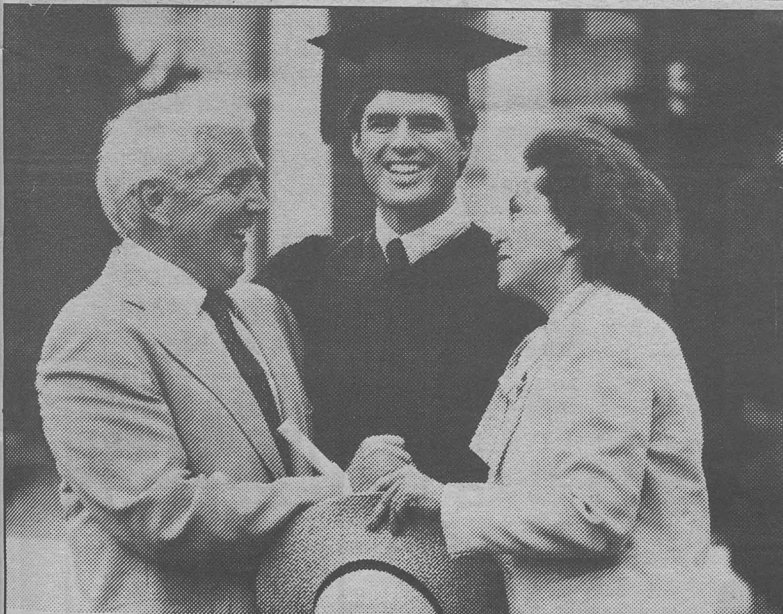
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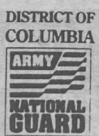


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Marriott split will not affect GW

by Ginny Garcia
Senior Staff Writer

Marriott, GW's food service contractor, plans to split into two corporations effective mid-1993 in an effort to boost returns for stockholders, but the change should not affect service at GW.

Since the goals of the split are to boost stock prices and ease corporate debt, Marriott Corporate Information Manager Nick Hill said "the split should be transparent to customers."

"This is just a separation of the real estate portion of Marriott from the contract services portion, so there should be no effect whatsoever on GW services," GW Dining Services General Manager Maurice Jenoure said.

According to Hill, Marriott's plan is to "divide its present operations into two separate companies through a special dividend." One will include Marriott's lodging, food and facilities management

and senior living service operations, which it will name Marriott International, Inc. The other will be named Host Marriott Corporation and will include Marriott's real estate properties as well as its airport and toll road concessions, Hill explained.

Marriott contract dining services at GW would fall under the newly-formed Marriott International, Hill said. "We don't expect any changes in campus facilities. There should also be no effect on surrounding facilities in the metropolitan area. Service will be the same."

The separation plan would award shareholders one share in the new company (Marriott International, Inc.) for each share they hold in Marriott (Host Marriott Corporation), according to a press release. The plan calls for shares of both companies to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

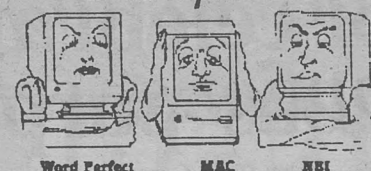
Because the proposed split would

provide shareholders with a tax-free benefit, the finality of the transaction is pending stockholder and Internal Revenue Service approval. "The split is part of a long-term strategy and would not take effect until mid-1993," Hill said.

J.W. Marriott Jr., chairman and president of Marriott said the division into two different companies will "enable us to advance the longstanding strategy of separating ownership of properties from management of operations."

The plan gives shareholders the choice of pursuing investment goals in either or both companies, rather than in just one combined organization, Marriott said. "Under this plan, we seek to enable shareholders to realize the inherent value of our management businesses more quickly while also giving them the potential over time to benefit from an upturn in real estate values," he said.

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Marriott to improve meal options, services

Changes in the meal plan will enable students to substitute \$5.50 worth of a la carte food from the Marvin Center Grand Marketplace for one meal off their card during dinner hours, MC Operations Director Steve Sitrin said.

Physical changes are also planned for the Thurston Hall dining room "to try to improve the flow of people through there," Sitrin added.

The equivalency program currently in place allows students to exchange a meal for up to \$2.85 worth of food at the Grand Marketplace during breakfast hours, and up to \$4.75 worth of food at Colonial Commons during lunch hours.

Until now, all-you-can-eat meals during the dinner hour have been available only at the Thurston Hall dining room. The plan to extend the equivalency program allows students to use the meal portion of their cards to purchase food between 4 and 8 p.m. at Grand Marketplace. The PLUS system will not be affected by the change.

Executive Director of the Office of Campus Life LeNorman Strong submitted a proposal to Marriott and said he hopes to expand the equivalency program to George's as well.

GW Dining Services General Manager Maurice Jenoure said a decision has not yet been made about implementing the equivalency program at George's.

Strong said he doubts the physical changes to the Thurston Hall dining room, which will be implemented this weekend, will cost the University more than \$1,500.

-Maren Feltz

Former ambassador joins ESIA faculty

by Yoshie Imai
Hatchet Staff Writer

Former U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Sheldon J. Krys has joined the faculty of the Elliott School of International Affairs as the Diplomat-in-Residence this fall.

Krys, assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security at the State Department, will be at GW for one year. He will give lectures, teach classes and meet with students, ESIA Dean Maurice A. East said.

"He has tremendous foreign policy decision-making experiences," East said. "In Washington, studies are going on in organizing foreign service for the 21st century. (Krys) gives us a presence of someone who has been at the highest

level of foreign policy making. He is an ideal role model and source of information for students who want to work with the foreign service or in an international affairs profession. He will be a vital contributor to teaching and extracurricular activities."

The Diplomat-in-Residence program, sponsored by the State Department, seeks to project an image of foreign service to universities and the public, East said. "Since the State Department is forbidden to promote its own cause, (the program) is a low-cost way to promote the foreign services," he said.

"Also, because there are fewer senior
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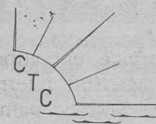
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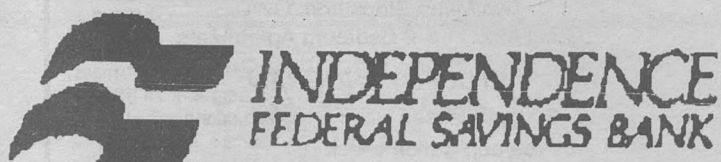
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ambassadorial positions, they can take this position as they wait for a position to open. But it's a fabulous opportunity (for the universities) to get an acknowledged diplomat (on the faculty)," East added.

The State Department circulates to its personnel a list of universities regularly considered for the program. High-level ministers are eligible to apply. Colleges not on the list are also eligible for the

program, Dennis Kux of the Foreign Service Institute in Virginia, said. Universities usually considered are ones that serve as sources of people who enter foreign service or schools located in places the State Department considers to be important.

Once the ministers apply, the university can interview them to see if they meet its needs.

"(Universities) either want someone with a special expertise in an area they do not have a program in, or someone to enrich and complement an already strong area," East said.

This program began more than 20 years ago and was the idea of former Congressman Fred Schwengel of Iowa,

Kux said. Schwengel said he believed it was useful and helpful for senior foreign service officers to spend time in universities so people would know who their diplomats are and vice versa. He pressed the idea, and the first Diplomat-in-Residence was sent to Iowa State University.

"People who have participated and shared their experiences as professional diplomats say that they have gained a lot by (participating)," Kux said. "While professors have a lot of knowledge, a lot is theoretical. Instead, (these diplomats) have been there, and (they) teach about things (they) have dealt with personally. It gives students a sense of reality (in what they are studying)."

GW awaits approval to fund pool repairs

Plans for GW to finance the \$1.5 million overhaul of a neighborhood athletic facility await approval by city leaders, Vice President of Business Scott Cole said Wednesday.

He added that the GW administration is currently waiting for the city to schedule a meeting where representatives of both groups will negotiate the final details.

The plan focuses on the city-owned Francis Pool and the adjacent athletic facilities, located at 25th and N streets. In a letter last month to D.C. Council Chairman John A. Wilson, GW offered to finance \$1.5 million in improvements to the pool, as well as to the facility's locker room and field house, in exchange for a 99-year lease of the fields, locker rooms and tennis courts.

Cole said a lack of athletic fields on campus was one of the chief reasons for seeking the agreement. "Also, we are part of this community, and we thought it was important to be a good neighbor," he added.

Area residents have been unable to use the pool since city officials closed the pool in May, citing it was no longer safe.

Residents expressed concern over GW's involvement in the renovations in a meeting last Monday between neighborhood leaders, city leaders and members of the GW administration. Many feared GW was playing too large of a role in the community.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg offered to pull out of the deal if city officials decided the plan would cause problems within the community. However city officials reassured Trachtenberg that they wanted GW to play a role in the renovations.

-Sean Rockhold

Correction

In the Oct. 8 GW Hatchet story, younger brother. Their father is Ellis "Saxophonist Marsalis gets to heart of blues," Delfeayo Marsalis should have been referred to as Branford Marsalis' Marsalis.

The editors regret the error.

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City looks to resolve homeless shelter issue

by Nur Sati
Hatchet Staff Writer

Controversy still surrounds the operation of a homeless shelter in Foggy Bottom located across from the Watergate hotel.

The shelter was originally scheduled to close down in August, but Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly postponed the closure for another six months, according to a recent Washington Post article.

Foggy Bottom Association President Chris Lamb said the association's position was to reduce the number of beds rather than have the shelter closed. "The current number at the shelter is 100 people, we want the number reduced to the original number, 25 people," he said. The association would like to see long-term approaches to the city, so the homeless would no longer be in the streets, Lamb said, adding that shelters are not the solution because not many homeless use them.

Lucille Molinelli, West End Citizens Association treasurer, agreed there should be other solutions. One of the approaches is to have a mandatory centralized area where the homeless would have proper counseling and professional staff to supervise them. "We feel that Ward 2 is overburdened and a centralized location is the only solution," said Molinelli, who wants the shelter closed.

"The homeless engage in robberies, they break into Riverside (Towers) and they commit rape. A lot of people are sympathetic to them and make us feel guilty, but a lot of the homeless are fugitives," Molinelli said she was anxious to see a solution and suggested if the organizations who donate funds to the homeless put all the funds into a single fund, with the assistance of the city, there would be enough money to gather the homeless in a central location.

Students share views

Crawford residents debate candidates' merits

The Crawford Hall television lounge buzzed with politics and values as a discussion of the first presidential debate was held after the Sunday event.

About 50 students came to the lounge to watch President Bush, Democratic Candidate Bill Clinton and Independent Ross Perot discuss the issues. Afterward, the students debated for an hour about their opinions on the candidates' actions and views.

Freshman Devon Brousseau said he was impressed with Perot's performance. "I thought he was incredible. Although I agree with many who say that he might have not done as well as the other candidates, when you look at the fact that he is not a polished, blow-

dried career politician, I think he was incredible."

Freshman Emily Willis said she thought Clinton's performance was excellent. "I thought by far that Clinton was the most convincing of the three... I thought Clinton had the best showing because he was very personal in his suggestions."

Sophomore Scott McDonald, a Bush supporter, said he thought the president did not get enough respect for his performance. "I thought he did well, especially by keeping his cool. His attacks on Clinton were well-balanced, controlled and something that I did not expect."

-James Dinan

Vote

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pondences to you over the last few weeks, no one is forcing the union on you," Kennedy said in his letter.

He said federal law prohibits any "retaliatory action" by the University against officers who unionize, assuring, for example, the University cannot

replace officers with contracted employees.

In a Sept. 23 letter, Murrell said if the vote results in unionization, the union will legally represent UPD whether or not they voted for it.

If passed, the union will affect all "non-supervisory" positions, Chernak said, adding that other GW departments, including the Physical Plant Department and Marriott, are both unionized. "There have been no problems with it. We've negotiated in good faith." UPD unionized 12 years ago, but was dis-

placed because it was "extremely weak," Kennedy said.

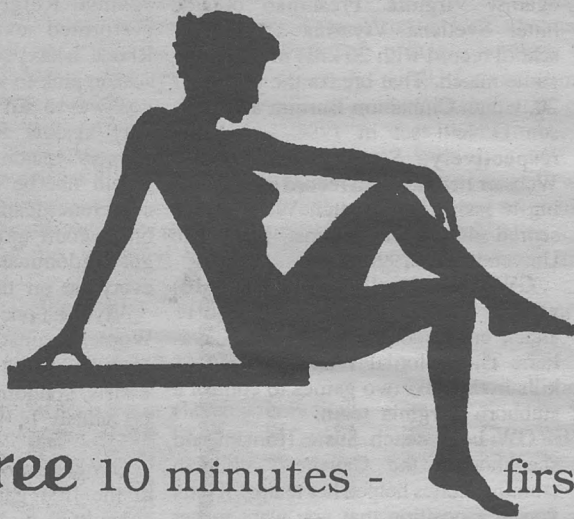
"If it turns out for a vote in favor of the union, we will deal with that in good faith too," Chernak said. "There will be no change in operation."

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SPORTS

The Hot Corner Army life makes it real sport

Let's play word association for a moment. College, sports, Saturday... what's the next logical word? Of course, the correct answer is football. Unless you've been hung over every Saturday afternoon for the past, oh, 26 years (it is possible I guess), you know that Division I football is missing at GW. All in all, it's no big loss to me.

With the fight for revenue in Division I, the spirit of football is becoming lost. Sure, the big schools get more attention, but the lower levels of the gridiron spectrum embody the true spirit of the game. GW doesn't even get that, but it tries to with its intramural football program.

Even though its rules prohibit contact (mostly), participants can play football resembling the true thing. They take it that seriously. Teams have plays designed, scout opposing squads, practice, coach, recruit and even have rivalries. I know from experience. I am an Army brat.

It's not an Army brat in the true sense of the word. I play for a team of devoted, perhaps fanatical group of guys who are aiming to actually win a GW flag football championship. Our team has constantly improved over the past few years, but the Navy ROTC has always stood in our way — i.e., hand us the most humiliating losses. Hence, the name Army.

We've gotten our act together now. We actually have a playbook, we scouted our opponents and ran practices this summer. Not just before the season started, but even before the school year started. The organizers of our team who are seniors now are so intent on winning the league that they're willing to fail their second semesters to have another chance.

We are not your ordinary group. Our quarterback slept with the team ball. We have an official team historian with a video camera to capture our winning season from the start, a la NFL Films. We even have our pack of groupies. We have been smitten with the football spirit, just from a game where a bone-crushing tackle is defined as tearing a plastic flag off.

It just doesn't get any simpler than that. All we play for is the simple love of the game. Not for the bowl game money pot, not to improve one's stock in the NFL draft. That's the real brunt of college sports — it's for the student-athletes. I'm not decrying any of the intercollegiate programs, but sometimes everyone misses the trees in the forest for the purpose of sport.

So who needs Division I football? GW already has its own Army-Navy rivalry and it happens Saturday at 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue, not in December in Philadelphia. You'll find me hiking the ball and loving every minute of the game, especially if we finally win.

-Vince Tuss

Spikers sweep away opponents in three

by James Dinan
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW volleyball team continued its victorious pace by winning three matches this weekend at the Smith Center. The Colonial Women scored defeats over the University of Virginia (15-6, 15-7 and 15-9), Rutgers (15-2, 15-12 and 15-11) and Rhode Island (15-5, 15-10 and 15-7) to win six straight matches.

History was made in Sunday's match against Virginia. Freshman outside hitter Svetlana Vtyurina set a new school record with 26 kills in the three-game match. That breaks the record of 20, which Cinnamon Burnim and Allison O'Neill set in 1991 and 1990, respectively. Senior setter Tracy Webster tied her own record by delivering 46 assists in the match. Webster also scored 46 assists against Duquesne University in 1990.

GW (16-5 overall, 4-0 in the A-10) won the first set with help from the 11 attack errors committed by the Cavaliers. The Colonial Women scored 41 kills in the next two games to control a stubborn Virginia team.

GW head coach Susie Homan said she thought the Cavaliers' childish taunting tactics helped her team. "It puts you in a position that you want to get back at those people. On our team, whenever we score a good kill or a good block we turn that energy into our team. I think that whenever our opponents use those kind of tactics, it fires us up even more."

The Colonial Women got help from everyone in their match against Rutgers. Lammert, who returned from an injury, led GW with 11 kills and nine digs.

Sophomore setter Khoun Ta provided 17 assists and nine digs, while Martin added eight kills and nine digs in the victory.

GW controlled the entire match, scoring 44 total kills and a .278 attack percentage, compared to the Lady Knights' 25 and .060. The Colonial Women also led in block assists, 16-10.

Homan said she was pleased with the team's play against the Lady Knights. "I was very happy with our performance against Rutgers. We thought we performed extremely well against Rhode Island since they were the pre-season pick to win the Atlantic 10. Our goal was to carry our aggressive style of play against Rhode Island into the Rutgers match. We knew that they would not be as strong as the other conference teams, but we wanted to step on the court and dominate. I feel that we got a dominating performance from everyone on the team."

Vtyurina once again led the Colonial Women against URI Friday. She totaled 15 kills, while Webster delivered 36 assists. Sophomore hitter Stefanie Francis added 11 kills in the victory.

GW committed only two attack errors in the first game, while the WRams committed eight to take the first set 15-5. The Colonial Women continued their domination into the next two sets, with a combined score of 39 kills compared to URI's 16 and earning a .351 attack percentage in the third set compared to a .094 by the WRams.

Homan said she was impressed with her team's performance against its A-10 rival. "I felt, against Rhode Island, that

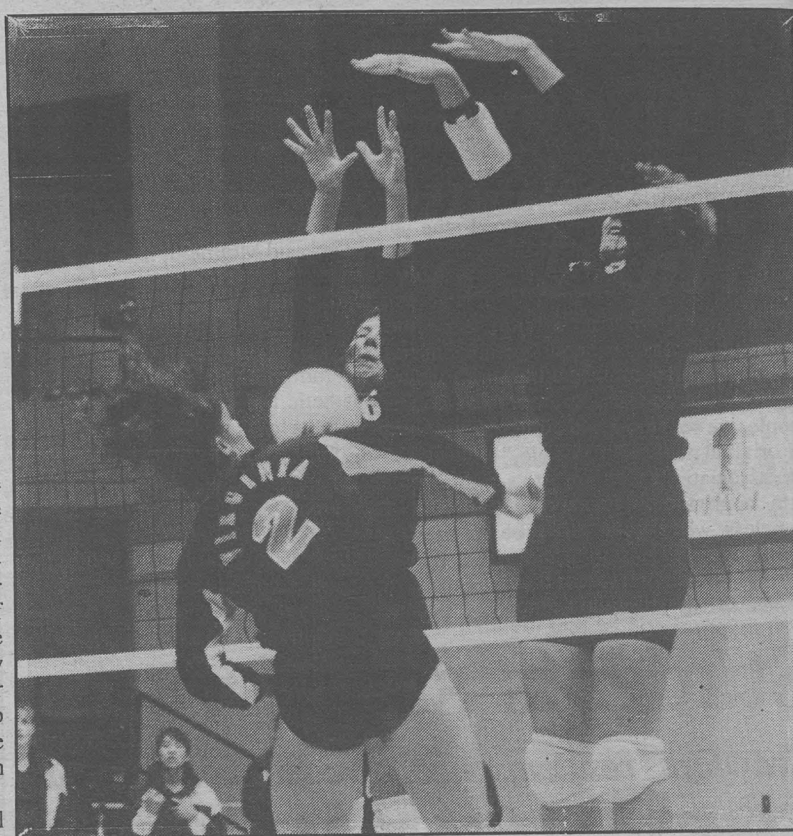


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GW volleyball slammed Atlantic 10 Conference foes Rutgers and Rhode Island this weekend.

we played our best volleyball in three weeks since Kelly (McCarty) went out round-robin last year. We only got a with an illness and Jill (Lammert) went chance to play them once last year, so out with an injury. I thought it was an we are out for a lot of revenge. We feel outstanding victory."

This weekend, the Colonial Women our best possible match against them. continue their homestand with two We want to let West Virginia know that games. GW will take on Drexel Univer- when they walk into the Smith Center, sity and A-10 rival West Virginia. they won't have a prayer."

Homan said she expects two strong games. "Drexel is an aggressive defensive team. They are not dominating hitters, they are not very big."

Spikes - GW will host Drexel University Friday at 7 p.m. and West Virginia Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Smith Center.

Maryland game hurts injured Colonials 4-0

by Becky Heruth
Asst. Sports Editor

The injury-plagued GW men's soccer team was unable to pull off one of its well-known, last-minute, game-saving goals and earned its first home loss of the season, 4-0, against the University of Maryland Wednesday at Francis Field.

Heading the list of injured players was goalkeeper Robert Christian, who sprained his thumb in practice. Midfielder Marcelo Valencia suffered a sprained ankle against the University of San Francisco and Moises Reyes has played the last three weeks injured.

"With three Atlantic 10 games coming up, we decided to leave them out and get 100-percent fit for the games coming up," GW head coach George Lidster said.

Sophomore Ward McIntyre filled in for Christian at the goalkeeper position. Freshmen Matt Nesbitt and Brian Boshart took over in the field. "All of the replacements did well," Lidster said. "Nesbitt and Boshart did well coming in."

The Colonials (5-3-5) were scored upon early in game and were unable to make a tying goal as neither team scored in the first half. Maryland scored at 9:13 off a free kick because of a GW handball.

Neither team scored in the second half until Maryland came upon a three-goal scoring streak in a brief 13 minutes. The first was scored at 64:16, the second at 76:50 and the third at 77:31. "We just couldn't come back," Lidster said.

"Derk Droze had a couple of headers that went wide and both Nesbitt and Masten had a few good shots," Lidster said. "We had some good positions. We just couldn't come back."

Lidster blames this partly on the removal of midfielder Chris Majewski in the second half. Both Majewski and defender Seth Morrison have four yellow cards. The Colonials were afraid that Majewski could have easily earned his fifth in Wednesday's game, which would have prevented him from playing in the next games.

"We just weren't strong enough," Lidster said. "The last two goals we practically gave away. As we were pushing forward, trying to equalize, they scored. The score didn't really reflect how we played."

GW and Massachusetts were scheduled to play a game at Francis Field Sunday, but it was called because of lightning. It will be rescheduled later in the season.

Goals — The Colonials travel to New Brunswick, N.J. to play Rutgers Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



photo by Sloan Ginn

The Terrapins upended Stephen Masten and the Colonials Wednesday.

SPORTS

Goal call makes the difference in women's soccer 1-0 defeat

by Vince Tuss
Sports Editor

A controversial goal early in the first period of overtime stood as the lone score for the game as the GW women's soccer team fell 1-0 to George Mason University at Francis Field Wednesday.

After going scoreless in regulation time, the Patriots continued the attack early in the first 15-minute overtime half and earned a corner kick in the Colonial Women's end. GMU forward Aimee Willard booted the kick into the end and the GW defense managed to clear the ball.

Patriot defender Wendy Lubell stepped up and fired a pass back into the offensive end. Teammate Debbie Fine was running ahead of the defenders and the linesman raised the offside flag for several seconds.

As Fine headed the pass from Lubell into the net, the linesman dropped the flag. GW head coach Shannon Higgins ran toward the sideline to protest the call and continued her debate between the two overtime halves. Higgins declined to comment on the game's officiating or the goal, but said her team had nothing to be ashamed of regarding its performance.

"My team played excellent today," Higgins said. "We played well in the first half and in the second half of overtime. We have to pick heads back up now and keep going on. We gave it a great fight."

Besides the lone goal, the two teams played evenly in the contest. The Colonial Women totaled 18 shots on goal as opposed to GMU's 14, but the four extra came as they pushed toward the end to tie the score. Each goalkeeper had four saves.

GW (6-5-1) came off its week without a match to play effectively in the first half. The booters opened the period and took control of the pace. Defender Jenny Crisman had an opportunity to score, taking a rebound after teammate

Maggie Miller's corner kick. Crisman launched a blazing shot from about 15 yards out, but it was right at Patriot goalkeeper Jennifer Brennan.

The second half brought only one real chance to score. With 31:52 left to play in the second half, Miller shot a ball that GMU defender Diane LaClare knocked down with her hand in the goal box. GW was awarded a penalty shot which midfielder Crissie Snow took. Snow shot right, but Brennan dove that way and scooped up the ball.

The level of physical play increased as well in the second period. The referee let most calls go and players from both teams took advantage of his leniency, climaxing with a brief struggle between GW goalkeeper Kerry Diczkaniec and GMU forward Tammy Pearman after Diczkaniec made a save on a Patriot corner kick. Both exchanged swings and team members separated the two.

With the GMU goal in the first overtime, the Colonial Women came out with emotion at the start of the second half. GW strung some nice passes together but only managed two shots on goal in the waning minutes of the game, fighting through fatigue and the obvious slowdown attempts of Patriots (3-6-3).

"We put some good plays together, but the final touch just wasn't there. Playing on this field the ball bounces up more and it takes a little more to finish. They have an excellent goalkeeper and she really kept them in it today," Higgins said.

Higgins credited the defensive play of the team in keeping the Colonial Women in the game. "I thought the defense was incredible. We didn't let them get any great opportunities. Everyone played a part, not just the four backs."

Shots — The Colonial Women ended their six-game home stand with GMU and now begin a five-game road swing Saturday, traveling to Stony Brook, N.Y. to face the State University of New York — Stony Brook at 3 p.m.



photo by Sloan Ginn

Kerry Hudson gets nasty with George Mason Wednesday.

GW harriers run away from field with dual wins at FireBird Invite

It was twice as thrilling for GW cross-country head coach Joe Zito and the men's and women's teams when they went on to finish first at the FireBird Invitational at Fort DuPont Park, Oct. 10.

Both teams defeated the seven other competing schools; Washington and Lee University, Catholic University, Howard University, Delaware State University, Bowie State University, the University of Maryland — Eastern Shore, and the University of the District

of Columbia.

The turning point for the women took place 2.5 miles into the 3.2-mile race. GW moved out of second place, which they had held for the entire event, and passed Washington and Lee on to victory. Tina Kearchner finished first for GW, second overall and set a school record for the event with a time of 19:54. Stacey La Fleur finished sixth overall, while Petra Rydlova — who in Zito's estimation "ran an excellent race" — finished eighth overall.

Zito said the women's race was full of intensity. "The exciting part was that Washington and Lee had first place sewn up and then 2.5 miles into the race, due to the skillful running by Stacey, Petra and Maggie, we stole the team victory."

On the men's side, Joe Beck finished first overall to set a course and school record, earning the Atlantic 10 Conference Cross-Country's "Performer-of-the-Week" and GW's "Male Athlete-of-the-Week." Eric Woronick and Alex Murray finished second and third, while Dave Sawyer finished sixth overall.

"The men ran away from the competition from the very beginning," Zito said. "As far as team performance was concerned, everybody ran well in this final preparation before the conference meet."

Kicks — GW will compete in the A-10 Championships at Van Cortland Park, in the Bronx, N.Y. Saturday at 10 a.m.

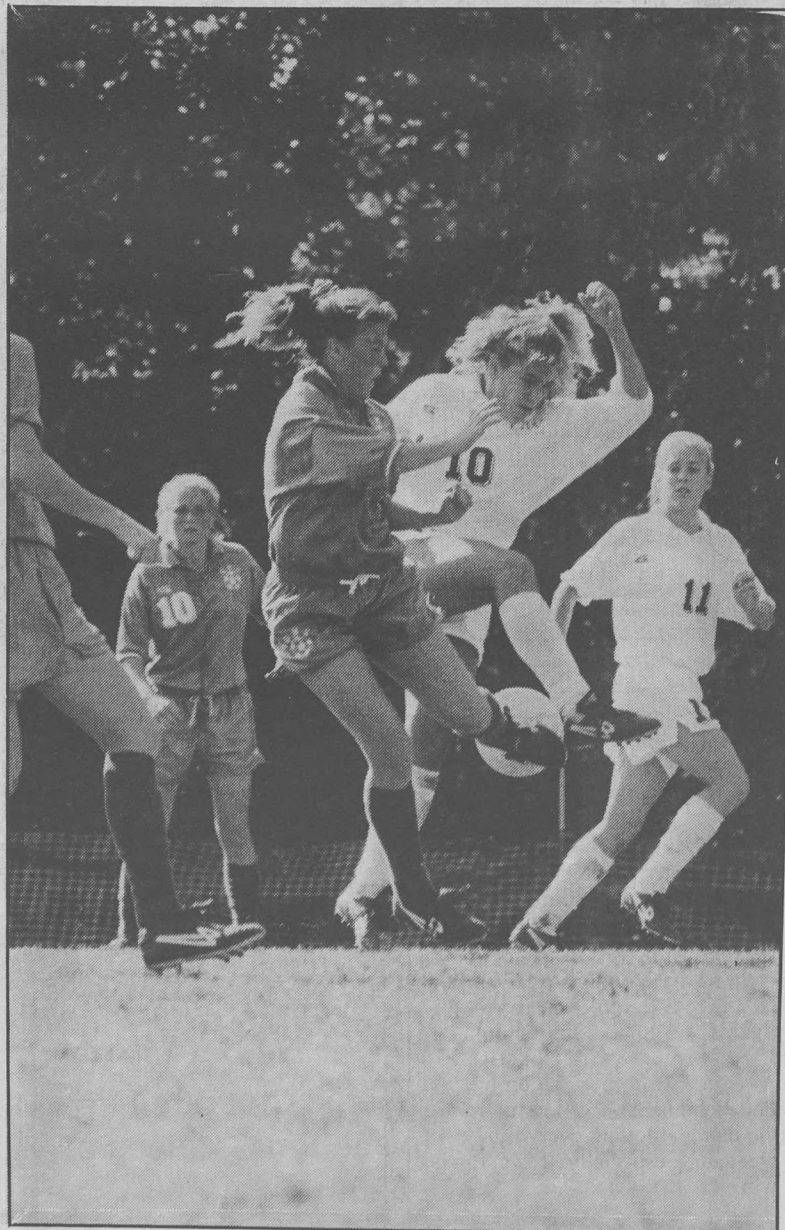


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Jessica Buel Suzanne Stragand and the offense became entangled late in the game.

Fall Sports Statistics

MEN'S SOCCER

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Stephen Masten	8	2	18
Marcelo Valencia	2	0	12
Moises Reyes	2	1	11
Derk Droze	2	1	10
Stefan Triandafilou	2	1	5

WOMEN'S SOCCER

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Beth Rife	6	7	19
Crissie Snow	2	2	10
Cara Eichenlaub	2	4	10
Kerry Hudson	2	4	8

VOLLEYBALL

PLAYER	KILLS	ASSISTS	SERVICE ACES
Svetlana Vtyurina	422	4	32
Jill Lammerl	112	21	16
Stefanie Francis	138	33	26
Brenda Paz Soldan	117	6	23
Tracy Webster	45	69	13
Khuong Ta	12	132	2

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